

# City of Tarpon Springs Reclaimed Water User Agreement



## **Please Read Carefully**

Reclaimed water is the highly-treated, filtered, and disinfected effluent from the City's advanced wastewater treatment facility that may be safely used for irrigation of residential lawns, median, common areas, etc., and other specific non-drinking water uses as allowed by state rules and City codes. Because of its nature and origin, reclaimed water may **NOT** be used for drinking.

The City of Tarpon Springs (the City) processes reclaimed water that is available in your area for certain non-potable (non-drinking) purposes. Water reuse utilizing reclaimed water for irrigation is a major component of the City's commitment to water conservation and is strongly encouraged by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).

FDEP rules and regulations outlined in Rule 62-610, Part III, Florida Administrative Code (FAC) require the City of Tarpon Springs, as a reclaimed water provider to:

- Inform reclaimed water customers about the origin, nature, and characteristics of reclaimed water, the manner in which reclaimed water can be safely used, and limitations on the use of reclaimed water;
- Minimize the risk of possible contamination of the potable water supply as a result of cross-connections; and
- Govern the customer's use of reclaimed water through agreement with the property owner/lessee.

Reuse of reclaimed water is stringently regulated by the FDEP, and the City of Tarpon Springs monitors its reclaimed water facility continuously to ensure that its reclaimed water meets strict public access reclaimed water quality standards.

In accordance with Rule 62-610, Part III, FAC the following conditions, limitations, and requirement apply to all users of reclaimed water:

1. Use of reclaimed water shall be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, which may be amended from time to time, and shall be limited to uses specifically authorized by the FDEP and the City. Such authorized uses include: irrigation of residential lawns, golf courses, cemeteries, parks, and landscaped areas, and specifically allowed commercial toilet flushing and fire protection systems when required criteria are met.
2. Reclaimed water shall not be used for drinking (by humans or animals), bathing, or any other sanitary purpose without special authorization from the FDEP and the City.
3. Reclaimed water shall not be piped inside of any residential dwelling.
4. Reclaimed water shall not be used to fill swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, spas, or any other body of water where human immersion may occur.
5. Reclaimed water shall not be used to irrigate edible crops, except those that are washed, peeled, skinned, cooked, or thermally processed before consumption.
6. Reclaimed water shall not be applied to areas within one hundred feet (100') of any public eating, drinking, or bathing facility, unless special approval is obtained from the FDEP.
7. Above ground hose bibs, spigots, or other hand-operated connections shall not be present on any piping system utilized for reclaimed water. All other approved below grade connections must be properly secured and identified.
8. Reclaimed water shall not be applied to impervious surfaces that allow drainage to surface waters, and irrigation practices shall be designed to prevent incidental ponding or standing water.
9. Reclaimed water may not be transported beyond the property lines of a customer and cannot be given or sold to any third party.

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- 10. Cross-connection between drinking water and reclaimed water systems is positively prohibited. The reclaimed water user agrees that in order to verify proper connections, monitor proper use of reclaimed water, and minimize the potential for cross-connections, the City of Tarpon Springs shall have the right to enter upon the property where reclaimed water is used for the purposes of inspecting and/or testing. Inspections will be conducted at the time the irrigation system is first connected to the City's system and periodically thereafter.
- 11. The City of Tarpon Springs shall make a reasonable effort to inspect and maintain the reclaimed water distribution system, but assumes no liability for any damage caused by the system that is beyond the control of normal maintenance or for any damage caused by or resulting from customer use or misuse of reclaimed water.
- 12. The City of Tarpon Springs does not guarantee continuous availability of reclaimed water and will not allow water that does not meet public access reclaimed water quality standards to enter the reclaimed water distribution system. The City of Tarpon Springs reserves the right to restrict supply of reclaimed water as deemed necessary. Reclaimed water may not be available during certain hours, certain days, and may be temporarily shut off for repairs, maintenance, or other reasons, and quantities may be limited.
- 13. The City of Tarpon Springs is not liable for damages to landscaping or private property as a result of interruptions in reclaimed water service or reclaimed water quality.
- 14. Customers shall follow all reclaimed water usage restrictions currently in effect.
- 15. The City of Tarpon Springs shall own and maintain the reclaimed water system up to and including the flow meter and backflow prevention device within the public right-of-way and other public easements. The owner/lessee of the property where reclaimed water will be applied shall be responsible for maintenance of the irrigation system downstream from the master control valve at the property line.
- 16. Advisory signs are required to be installed and maintained per current FDEP rules to notify the public of the use of reclaimed water whenever reclaimed water is used for irrigation within residential neighborhoods (subdivisions), for storage in lakes or ponds, for decorative water features, or other applicable uses involving the potential for public access. The signs shall be in a format, number, and location prescribed by state rules and City requirements.
- 17. No person shall tamper with, alter, connect to, or operate valves or hydrants of the system prior to approval by the City of Tarpon Springs.
- 18. Any violation of these conditions may be considered a criminal offense and the City of Tarpon Springs has the right to discontinue service for any violation of law or regulation in the installation, operation, or maintenance of the reclaimed water irrigation system.

I acknowledge the limitations, requirements, and conditions of use of reclaimed water and hereby AGREE to comply with the foregoing. I also agree to abide by any changes in these conditions as a result of changes in law or revisions to City requirements.

Customer  
Signature:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Printed  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to property owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Meter Size \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_