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Special points of interest:

- * For the latest news and events go to www.cityofedgewater.org.
- * March 14th is the start of Daylight Saving Time this is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarm. If you need assistance with your smoke alarm you may call the Edgewater Fire-Rescue at 424-2445 for a free inspection.

Watering Restrictions—Daylight Saving Time*

Effective March 14, 2010

Mandatory lawn watering restrictions specify the days when you may water. These days depend on whether you have an odd or even numbered address, and the time of year. The following restrictions apply to private well and potable water (city water). See Reclaimed restrictions on page 2.

WATERING DAYS:

Homes with odd numbered addresses:

Homes with even numbered address:

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

THURSDAY & SUNDAY

Nonresidential Properties:
TUESDAY & FRIDAY

Only water when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Water no more than one hour per zone.

If you should have any questions about watering restrictions please contact the Department of Environmental Services at 386-424-2476.

*Daylight Saving Time is the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.

March Artist of the Month

Edgewater Leisure Services will feature the work of a member of the Artist Workshop of New Smyrna Beach. Please stop in to see the artwork it can be seen at the Leisure Services Office located at 1108 S. Ridgewood Ave., Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:30.

Stamp Out Smoking Fires

Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in our country. Do you know what causes these fire deaths? Carelessly discarded smoking materials.

From hot ashes dumped into the garbage to a cigarette falling on to a couch cushion, carelessly discarded smoking materials kill hundreds of people every year. These types of fires are too common. With a little attention you can prevent these fires and save lives. Remind friends and family members to be safe and follow these safety tips.

- Never smoke in bed.
- Always use large, oversized ashtrays.
- Make certain ashes are cold before dumping ashtrays into the garbage.
- Check for cigarettes or ashes that may have fallen between couch and chair cushions after a party.

RECLAIMED WATER

ATTENTION EDGEWATER RECLAIMED WATER USERS THREE Days of Watering

- Water restrictions are as follows:
- Homes with addresses that end in an **EVEN** number may water **SUNDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY**
- Homes with addresses that end in an **ODD** number may water **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY**.
- Watering is allowed only before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. year round.
- You may use up to 20,000 gallons per month of reclaimed water without any additional charge.
- In addition, overage charges have been reduced to \$0.31 per thousand gallons for usage between 20,000 and 30,000 and \$0.42 per thousand for usage over the 30,000 gallons.

Watering restrictions are still in effect for those using wells, ground water and potable water for irrigation see front page.

For questions or to have reclaimed water installed at your home, call
Edgewater Environmental Services at 386-424-2476 or 386-424-2494.

(Limited service area—reclaimed water is not available to all Edgewater residences.)

“INCREASE RECLAIMED CUSTOMER INITIATIVE RESOLUTION”

At the City Council Meeting of September 28, 2009, the City Council approved Resolution #2009-R-24 enacting the “Increase Reclaimed Customer Initiative”. In an effort to encourage residents to utilize the reclaimed water system and reduce effluent discharge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant into the Indian River Lagoon the resolution authorizes the abatement of reclaimed water impact fees, adjusts the connection fee and reduces the reclaimed water rates.

NOW IS THE TIME TO CONNECT TO RECLAIMED WATER!!

****CONNECTION FEE \$650.00****

You Can Help

With spring on its way and then hurricane season following we ask residents to help us with pro-active maintenance of the drainage systems. Many residents have a culvert pipe under their driveway. This culvert is part of the City’s stormwater system. These culverts can get clogged with grass, dirt and silt and may cause flooding by preventing water flow to nearby drainage ditches. Residents can assist the City, and their neighbors, by removing debris from the culverts when weather conditions are favorable; during dry periods. Routine inspection of the culvert in your yard, and subsequent removal of debris, may help avert flooding at your home and in your neighborhood. For additional information on the City’s stormwater system contact the Department of Environmental services at 386-424-2476.

Community Programs

Edgewater Police Department Wanderer Program

Does your loved one wander off from home, become lost or confused, suffer from Alzheimer's disease or dementia then call the Citizens Assisting Police (C.A.P.) office at 386-409-4791 for further information on how to enroll your loved one in the **WANDERER PROGRAM**. Please leave your contact information and a C.A.P. Officer or assistant will return your call and provide detailed information about the program and how to enroll your loved one. This is a **FREE** and uncomplicated service that provides security, safety and serenity for you and your loved

Electronic Recycling Has been Delayed

Edgewater's Department of Environmental Services is sorry to say that the **FREE** electronics recycling drop off event is being **DELAYED** til **APRIL** or **MAY** 2010 due to scheduling difficulties. Please continue to watch the newsletter for information. Residents will be able to bring electronics, small appliances, tv's and cell phones, basically if it plugs into the wall with the exception of white goods, or runs on rechargeable batteries we will be able to recycle it. We regret that we will **NOT** be able to accept white goods (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc).

Watch for more information about the **FREE** Electronics, Small Appliances, TV's and Cell Phone Recycling event. If you have questions please contact Tyna Lynn Hilton at 386-424-2494 or email Thilton@cityofedgewater.org.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

The 2010 U.S. Census Be Counted

As the 2010 U.S. census gets closer, and another chapter of America's history is upon us, that means The City of Edgewater wants to make sure every citizen is counted.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the undercounting of Florida residents for the 2000 U.S. Census directly impacted more than \$500 billion in federal funding to states, counties and cities over the last 10 years. Cities lost more than \$2,200 in federal and state aid for each person undercounted. Further, retailers, financial institutions and other private-sector investors rely on census data to make informed investment and financial decisions. These decisions can be critical to the sustainability of Florida.

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States. When you receive yours, answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. You will be asked to account for those living in your household as of April 1, 2010. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.

Census information also affects the number of seats Florida occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. Additionally, people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for our community. The information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services such as hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other public works projects and emergency services.

Please take a few moments to visit the 2010 U.S. Census Web site at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/index.php> or call 1-800-923-8282 to find out more about how to get involved and how you can help.

The City of Edgewater is doing its part to provide information for the Census and we hope you will too. If every

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Become a Facebook Fan of the
Edgewater Animal Shelter

Keep updated on events, animals available for
adoption and our success stories

Animal Shelter Now Has Pet Care Products

The Edgewater Animal Shelter has **NEW PET CARE PRODUCTS FOR SALE** in the lobby of the shelter. Products include Frontline Plus, collars, leashes, food dishes, toys and more. Please come by the Edgewater Animal Shelter, 605 Mango Tree Dr (386) 424-2442, Mon-Sat, 10 am-4 pm, to make a purchase and support the animals.

Fix a Leak Week March 15-21, 2010

The Department of Environmental Services would like to remind residents to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks during the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program's first "Fix a Leak Week".

The Facts on Leaks:

- Leaks can account for, on average, 11,000 gallons of water wasted in the home every year, which is enough to fill a backyard swimming pool.
- The amount of water leaked from U.S. homes could exceed more than 1 trillion gallons per year. That's equivalent to the annual water use of Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami combined.
- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- Common types of leaks found in the home include leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. All are easily correctable.
- Keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet valves, and showerheads. Most of these repairs can be done with out major investment and done by do-it-yourselfers.

Leak Detection:

- A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water usage. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- Check you water meter before and after a two-our period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

Faucets and Showerheads:

- A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.
- Leaky faucets can be reduced by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary. If you are replacing a faucet, look for the WaterSense label.
- A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year. That's enough water to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher.

Toilets:

- If your toilet is running constantly, you could be wasting 200 gallons of water or more every day.
- The most common cause is an old, faulty toilet flapper, this is an inexpensive do-it-yourself type repair.
- If you do need to replace your toilet, look for a WaterSense labeled model, this could save thousands of gallons of water per year.

Outdoors:

- An irrigation system with pressure set at 60 pounds per square inch that has a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter (about the thickness of a dime) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water each month.
- An irrigation system should be checked annually to make sure it has no leaks.
- Check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

You can find this and more information about Fix a Leak Week at www.epa.gov/watersense.