



## **ORANGE COUNTY UTILITIES RECLAIMED WATER OPERATING PRACTICES FOR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS**

The intent of this document is to identify and define practices for the use of reclaimed water by commercial users in Orange County.

1. Appropriate advisory signs shall be posted around sites utilizing reclaimed water by the user to designate the nature of the water and its non-potability. The signs shall be designed and posted in accordance with current Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) rules and regulations. The reclaimed water user is responsible for obtaining, installing, maintaining and ensuring signs are posted in accordance with applicable Florida Administrative Codes and Orange County policies and ordinances pertaining to reclaimed water signage.
2. The reclaimed water user will take all reasonable precautions, including signs, labeling and color-coding to clearly identify reclaimed water systems to prevent inadvertent human consumption. The signs, labeling and color-coding shall be in accordance with applicable FDEP regulations.
3. No cross-connections shall be made between the reclaimed water system, potable water system and/or any well. Should a groundwater well be on the property as a backup system or for any other use, there shall be a minimum double check backflow preventer installed at the well. The reclaimed water user shall fully comply with provisions of applicable Florida Administrative Codes and Orange County policies and ordinances pertaining to cross-connections.
4. A buffer, as required by the FDEP, Orange County and all other applicable agencies, shall be maintained between the edge of the wetted area of the reclaimed water irrigation system application site and any existing or approved (but not yet constructed) potable water supply wells.
5. The reclaimed water user shall operate the system such that the reclaimed water does not discharge off-site, either directly or through the stormwater drainage system.
6. The reclaimed water user shall use the reclaimed water and operate its system in accordance with the rules and regulations, as they exist now and as they may be amended or implemented in the future, of FDEP, Orange County, the applicable water management district and other government or regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction.
7. Orange County shall have the right to interrupt reclaimed water service to the reclaimed water user in the event that the reclaimed water user fails to fulfill any of the responsibilities or requirements set forth in this document. Service so interrupted would be resumed upon the reclaimed water user's complete fulfillment of the particular responsibility or requirement in question.

Orange County staff is available to answer questions pertaining to the commercial use of reclaimed water. Please contact the Orange County Utilities Department's Water Reclamation Division Reclaimed Water Section at 407-836-6865, or by e-mail at [Reclaimed.Water@ocfl.net](mailto:Reclaimed.Water@ocfl.net) for additional information. Please visit our website at [www.ocfl.net/utilities/](http://www.ocfl.net/utilities/).

Para más información, por favor llame al Departamento de Servicios Públicos del Condado de Orange y pida hablar con un representante en español. El número de teléfono es 407-254-9680.