

Statutory Directive

Use of Reclaimed Water by State Agencies, State Universities, and Water Management Districts

403.0645 Reclaimed water use at state facilities.

(1) The encouragement and promotion of reuse of reclaimed water has been established as a state objective in ss. 373.250 and 403.064. Reuse has become an integral part of water and wastewater management in Florida, and Florida is recognized as a national leader in water reuse.

(2) The state and various state agencies and water management districts should take a leadership role in using reclaimed water in lieu of other water sources. The use of reclaimed water by state agencies and facilities will conserve potable water and will serve an important public education function.

(3) Each state agency and water management district shall use reclaimed water to the greatest extent practicable for landscape irrigation, toilet flushing, aesthetic features such as decorative ponds and fountains, cooling water, and other useful purposes allowed by department rules at state facilities, including, but not limited to, parks, rest areas, visitor welcome centers, buildings, college campuses, and other facilities.

(4) Each state agency and water management district shall submit to the Secretary of Environmental Protection by February 1 of each year a summary of activities designed to utilize reclaimed water at its facilities along with a summary of the amounts of reclaimed water actually used for beneficial purposes.