

Let your Homeowners Association know what we have to offer!



You, the homeowner are entitled to sign up for this free service at your next Homeowners Association meeting. If requested, the MIL team will come and present at your next meeting and residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and schedule an evaluation. We will arrange for a technician to meet with you and discuss your system. Once the evaluation is scheduled and the team is ready to evaluate your system, the technician will spend approximately 2—3 hours checking the operation of your irrigation system. Finally, a confidential report on your system's performance will be delivered and personally discussed with you.



**Start conserving today!!! It's free.**



The MIL is a cooperative partnership: Funding is supplied through the SWFWMD, HSWCD and UF IFAS Extension

## MOBILE IRRIGATION LABORATORY FOR THE HIGHLANDS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

City of Sebring residents start conserving water today!



Call 863-402-6540 or email: [dddilger@ufl.edu](mailto:dddilger@ufl.edu) for more information

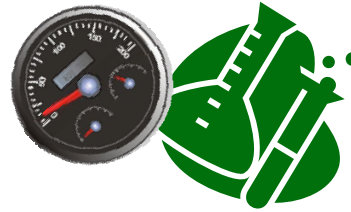
# HSWCD's Mobile Irrigation Lab

What are the benefits?

Water conservation benefits the environment and the economy. The MIL helps urban residents conserve water voluntarily. Most people don't intentionally over water, they recognize that it is a costly waste of a precious resource. However, people may not realize that over watering is a potential threat to water quality. Excessive water may cause fertilizers and pesticides to leach into the ground water. MIL technicians show home owners how to schedule lawn and landscape irrigation to avoid over watering. Proper irrigations helps people conserve water, save money, and protect water quality.

In a nutshell the benefits of the MIL are:

- Lower water use
- Lower water costs
- Lower energy costs
- Healthier turf and plants
- Reduced runoff of fertilizer and pesticides
- Reduced soil erosion
- Reduced plant disease



This MIL is unique because it is designed and operated mainly by volunteers who are passionate about water conservation. With their vast knowledge, they help residents learn about their irrigation clocks and systems. This service provides on-site evaluations upon request. The MIL team will take samples of the soil to determine the moisture level and rooting depths in your lawn. Water measurements will determine uniformity of water distribution. After all the information is collected, it can be used to identify problems with the system which will enable you, the homeowner, to resolve them and start conserving this precious resource.

You will learn to use water more efficiently by:

- Learning your lawn's specific water requirements.
- Properly manage the timing of your irrigation system.
- Compliance with local water use regulations.

## What have you got to lose?

- The MIL will help you save water and money!
- You will learn about Florida Friendly landscaping techniques.
- You may receive free installation of a rain sensor for your irrigation system!

Mobile Irrigation Labs are a tried and true tool in the water conservation tool box.

MILs are a free public service to homeowners and other users of water for irrigation.

These labs on wheels evaluate the effectiveness of irrigation systems and then offer recommendations on how the systems can become more efficient. MIL's play an important role in meeting future water demands.

