

Transcript of Volusia Magazine Television Segment on Irrigation Systems.

[Sound of water sprinkler running]

[Stefany Strong, Health Reporter] “A well maintained lawn starts with a properly installed irrigation system. The Volusia County Health Department’s Environmental Health office is urging homeowners to use licensed contractors to install irrigation systems and also for proper maintenance.”

[Jeff Sulzbach, Environmental Specialist II and Gene Swensen, maintenance shown inspecting irrigation water meter]

[Jeff Sulzbach, Environmental Specialist II] “Irrigation contractors need to be licensed in order to install the systems in Volusia County.”

[Jeff Sulzbach, Environmental Specialist II and Gene Swensen, maintenance shown inspecting irrigation water meter]

[Jeff Sulzbach, Environmental Specialist II] “They have to obtain a competency card from our department, and they have to pull permits.”

[Gene Swensen, maintenance shown inspecting irrigation sprinkler head]

[Stefany Strong, Health Reporter] “The use of non-licensed contractors can result in the installation of a well or sprinkler system that is inefficient, wasteful, and more costly in the long run.”

[Jeff Sulzbach, Environmental Specialist II] “They have to demonstrate to use that they have the competency to install the systems. In many cases they have to pass an exam. They have to have the required insurance. Without these requirements, then this knowledge to install these systems, many times they get installed improperly.”

[Stefany Strong, Health Reporter] “The troubled economy may leave some homeowners wanting to cut costs, by looking for the least expensive option to getting the work done.”

[Jeff Sulzbach, Environmental Specialist II] “The upfront cost is a little bit more to hire a licensed contractor and to pull the permit, but in the long run it will save you money and it will save you time using a licensed contractor because if you are caught using an unlicensed contractor, you will have to rip the system out, hire a licensed contractor, pull the permit, and do it a second time.”

[Sound of sprinkler system running]

[Stefany Strong, Health Reporter] “The upfront cost of getting a permit and hiring a certified irrigation contractor will help to ensure that your irrigation system was installed properly, inspected by the Volusia County Health Department, irrigates efficiently by saving both water and money, and helps protect the homeowner from paying for unlicensed contracting services. Homeowners should use the following tips: Only use licensed contractors for well or irrigation system work; Ask to see the license; Ask to see the permit; and maintain your irrigation system yearly.

We urge you to call the Volusia County Health Department at (386) 736-5579 in DeLand, (386) 424-2061 in New Smyrna Beach, or (386) 274-0692 in the Daytona Beach area to check the status of your contractor and or permit.

You can also find more information on our website at www.volusiahealth.com/eh and check the water wise and irrigation links.

[Music playing while Jeff Sulzbach, Environmental Specialist II is performing an irrigation system inspection.]

[Stefany Strong, Health Reporter] “Protect yourself by hiring licensed contractors. For Volusia Magazine, and on behalf of the Volusia County Health Department, Your Guide To Better Health, I’m Public Information Officer, Stefany Strong.”

[Music ends]