



April 3, 2012

In response to the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) voting to relax the Stage 3 Enhanced provisions of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Emergency Response Plan, the City of Rockwall will also modify its Stage 3 conservation measures.

Effective immediately residents will be permitted to irrigate landscape one day per week.

Designated Addresses:

- **“EVEN” numbered addresses are permitted to irrigate on TUESDAYS.**
- **“ODD” numbered addresses are permitted to irrigate on THURSDAYS.**

Watering between 10 AM and 6 PM is prohibited.

Because NTMWD still cannot pump from Lake Texoma (28% of the total raw water supply) *residents are urged to continue water reduction efforts until a new pipeline going directly from Lake Texoma to the NTMWD’s water treatment plant in Wylie is completed. A 10% reduction in water consumption is still needed throughout the area served by NTMWD.*

The City of Rockwall is implementing the following water conservation strategies:

- Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to no more than once per week. An exception is allowed for landscape associated with new construction that may be watered as necessary for up to 30 days from the date of the certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy, or certificate of completion.
- Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year shrubs and trees) may be watered for up to two hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.
- Prohibiting washing or rinsing of vehicles by hose except with a hose-end cutoff nozzle.
- Hosing of paved areas, in lieu of sweeping, is prohibited. (Pressure washing of impervious surfaces is permitted.)
- Prohibit use of water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste.

- Hydroseeding, hydromulching and sprigging is allowed.
- Golf course greens and tee boxes can be watered without restriction. (The Shores Country Club uses raw water from the City of Dallas and their watering will not be restricted by the City of Rockwall.)
- Registered and properly functioning ET/Smart irrigation systems and drip irrigation systems may irrigate without restrictions. (Go to www.rockwall.com/green to print ET/Smart irrigation system registration form.)
- Public athletic fields used for competition may be watered twice per week.
- Restrictions do not apply to locations using treated wastewater effluent for irrigation or the legal use of water pumped from Lake Ray Hubbard as may be regulated by the City of Dallas. Locations using other sources of water supply for irrigation may irrigate without restrictions.
- Swimming pools may be drained and filled.
- Watering between 10 AM and 6 PM continues to be prohibited between April 1 and October 31.

Since Lake Texoma represents about one quarter of the North Texas raw water supply, NTMWD continues to work with all state and federal agencies involved to safely restore the Texoma water supply while minimizing the transfer of zebra mussels into Lake Lavon and the Trinity River Basin. Although zebra mussels are not harmful to humans and do not contaminate the water, they do attach to water facilities and pipes that pump water causing increased operating and maintenance costs.

Extending the NTMWD's water supply during Stage 3 through the efficient use of existing water resources is crucial to meeting the long-term water needs of the NTMWD's Member Cities and Customers.

Please contact the City of Rockwall's Conservation Department by phone at 972-772-6435 or via email at waterwasters@rockwall.com. For more information and conservation tips, please go to www.rockwall.com/green.

There is more information and tips on water conservation found at www.wateriq.org and www.ntmwd.com.