

The Town of Little Elm Initiates Stage 3 of the Water Conservation Plan November 1
Consumers limited to watering lawns once every two weeks
November 2011 through March 2012

(October 19, 2011) Little Elm Town Manager Ivan Langford announced today that Stage 3 of the *Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan* for the Town of Little Elm will go into effect November 1. The goal of Stage 3 is a 10% reduction in water use and increased awareness in ongoing water conservation efforts.

Enactment of Stage 3 is due to the extreme temperatures and continuing drought conditions, we are experiencing and that North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) currently can't pump water from Lake Texoma due to presence of invasive zebra mussels. Lake Texoma normally provides a quarter of the NTMWD' raw water supply.

As of Monday, October 17, 2011, Lake Lavon's elevation was down over 12.6 feet, and is at 49.36% of usable capacity. In addition, as of the most recent measurement, NTMWD's Jim Chapman Lake/Cooper Dam water supply is at 35.13% and over 11.85 feet below conservation pool due to the continued drought.

Under Stage 3 the following requirements are MANDATORY and ENFORCABLE with a fine up to \$2,000;

- Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to **once every two weeks** between November 1 and March 31 and eliminate watering from 10 AM to 6 PM.
- Foundations, (first year after the 30 day exception for new landscape) landscaping, plantings, shrubs, and trees may be watered for up to two hours on any day by a handheld hose with positive shut-off, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.
- Prohibits hosing of driveways, sidewalks, buildings, or windows.
- Prohibit using water in such a manner that allows run-off to the street or adjacent properties.
- Prohibit washing or rinsing of vehicles by hose unless hose has positive shut-off nozzle.
- Existing swimming pools may not be drained and refilled (except to replace normal water loss).
- An exception is allowed for landscape associated with new construction that may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the date of the certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy, or certificate of completion.

The Town of Little Elm encourages residents to check their sprinkler system control units, rain and freeze sensors to prevent unnecessary usage and to repair any water leaks.

Implementation of these Stage 3 water conservation measures is crucial to meeting our long-term water needs.

Questions? More information on the Town's Water Conservation Plan can be found at www.littleelm.org/publicworks or call Kevin C. Mattingly, Director of Public Works at 972-377-5556

Additional information on Water Conservation can be found at:

www.littleelm.org/northtexaswater
www.littleelm.org/ntmwdvideos

Lake Levels

www.littleelm.org/lavonlakelevel

October 2011						
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March 2012						
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WATERING SCHEDULE

ONLY ONCE THE 1ST AND 3RD WEEK OF EVERY MONTH

***If Your Residential Trash
Collection Zone Day is:***

- Monday***
- Tuesday***
- Wednesday***
- Thursday***
- Friday***

Allowed Landscape Water Days:

- Monday***
- Tuesday***
- Wednesday***
- Thursday***
- Friday***

Non-Residential watering days are determined by the residential trash zone the property is located within. Trash zone can be verified by calling 972-377-5556.

Watering Week is denoted by Highlighted Days



Watering Guidelines

- Water only once on trash day during the first full week and third week of every month.
- Water Schedule November 1 and March 31
- No watering 10 AM to 6 PM.
- Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and trees may be watered for up to two hours on any day by a handheld hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.
- Do not drain and refill swimming pools except to replace normal water loss.

2011-2012 WATERING SCHEDULE CALENDAR