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Town's water supplier imposes Stage 3 through April *Sprinkler watering limited to every two weeks*

LITTLE ELM (March 4, 2015) In spite of recent rains and other precipitation, water levels continue to decrease in area reservoirs, causing Little Elm's water supplier to extend Stage 3 seasonal until at least the end of April, says Andrew Figueroa, the Town's Water Supervisor.

"The drought we are all now very familiar with is still upon us," he said. "The winter rainfall has been below normal and that is a continuation of lower than normal rainfalls for last summer and fall. It's been extremely dry."

Stage 3 seasonal requires that residents limit watering with automatic sprinkler systems to once every two weeks, and then only when necessary. Other restrictions also apply, but the lawn watering restriction affects virtually everyone.

As of the end of February, Lake Lavon, which is one of the water supplier's principal sources, had an elevation that was down almost 11 feet and Lake Jim Chapman, another critical water source, was also down about 10 feet.

"Every resident should be careful with their use of water for irrigation," said Figueroa. "Overwatering and allowing broken or misdirected sprinkler heads waste the most water outside the home."

Residents are encouraged to turn off the automatic controller's timer and operate the sprinkler system manually, thereby ensuring that watering occurs only on allowed days and only when necessary.

"We need everyone's cooperation," he added. "Drinkable water is a limited resource and we must continue to be vigilant in not wasting it."

Stage 3 seasonal may continue beyond April, as officials of the water supplier will be monitoring lake levels and issuing directives to their customer cities regarding the appropriate conservation stage.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state's fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm's population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town's footprint is just over 14 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.