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# News Release

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## Water restrictions to be lifted on May 1 for Little Elm

*Town resumes twice-a-week watering, only when necessary*

LITTLE ELM (April 9, 2015) Little Elm's water supplier is preparing to lift all restrictions on outdoor watering, and return to a more relaxed twice-per-week schedule, beginning May 1, says Andrew Figueroa, Water Supervisor.

"The rains and runoff certainly have had an impact on the reservoir levels," he said. "But also, the conservation measures that have been in place for the last three years and the cooperation of residents of Little Elm and other cities have paid off."

Starting on May 1, the Stage 3 Seasonal restrictions that have limited watering to twice a month are being lifted, and watering with automatic sprinkler system may occur up to twice a week, if necessary.

"This does not mean that everyone should immediately begin twice-a-week watering," added Figueroa. "What it means is that, when necessary to maintain a healthy lawn, watering with automatic sprinklers may be utilized up to twice a week."

Most lawns and landscaping do not require constant watering. To promote deep root growth, lawns in the area need only be watered about an inch a week. Depending on the size of the lawn, that can usually be accomplished with one soaking a week.

"To get a feel for how much watering is required for one inch of soaking, people can place a container in their yard and after one watering session, measure the water in the container," he said. "Then, depending on how much water is in the container, they will know how to adjust their watering schedule."

A reliable method of determining when and how much to water can be obtained by visiting [www.watermyyard.org](http://www.watermyyard.org) and entering some basic information. The program provides users with information useful in determining watering requirements.

Water conservation is still necessary through repair and readjusting of sprinkler heads and ensuring compliance with schedules, since wasted water cannot be recovered.

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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.