



August 25, 2011

Dear Springtown Water Customer,

The current drought has caused the major water provider for our water system, Tarrant Regional Water District, to implement Stage 1 water restrictions beginning Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Those restrictions plus the requirements of higher levels of restriction are included with this letter. These restrictions will stay in place until there is an increase to the available amount of raw water in area lakes.

For all water customers the following restrictions apply immediately:

#### Stage 1 Water use restrictions

Water customers are requested to limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and to irrigate landscapes only between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on designated watering days.

Water customers are requested to practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue water use for nonessential purposes.

Should further stages be active the following restrictions and penalties will go into effect. Please note the additional restrictions placed on commercial customers.

#### Stage 2 Water use restrictions.

Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

1. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at any time if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet-filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done



with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

3. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m..
4. Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
5. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to firefighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the city.
6. All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to their patrons except when requested.
7. The following uses of water are defined as nonessential and are prohibited:
  - A. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - B. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  - C. Use of water for dust control;
  - D. Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  - E. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

Additional information will be provided should additional levels of restrictions be put into place.

Should you have any question please contact City Hall at 817-220-4834 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,



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City Administrator  
City of Springtown