

City of Mineral Wells Notice to Water Customers

As you are aware, the State of Texas is experiencing an unprecedented drought. Because of this, the City of Mineral Wells has been monitoring water levels in Lake Palo Pinto and is legally authorized to require curtailment or reduction of water use in any specific area in order to conserve water. As of April 1, 2014, the Palo Pinto County Municipal Water District No. 1, the City of Mineral Wells, surrounding water supply corporations and other wholesale customers of the City will be implementing Stage III of their Drought Contingency Plans, in addition to other requirements.

The water conservation measures to be implemented are as follows:

- Initiate mandatory conservation measures, where possible.
- All “non-essential water use” shall be prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. “Non-essential water use” is defined as washing windows, siding, eaves and roofs of buildings; washing driveways, streets, curbs and gutters; non-commercial vehicle washing; unattended irrigation or sprinkler lawn watering of landscaping, shrubs and grass; draining and filling swimming pools; and flushing water system. Hand watering of landscaping, shrubs and grass shall be permissible on any day subject to the “time-of-day” restrictions established herein.
- All “non-essential water use” to include unattended irrigation or sprinkler lawn watering shall only be permitted once a week. The schedule for days in which “non-essential water use” is permitted is as follows by property location:
 - Addresses/Customers west of US Hwy. 281 (SW and NW sections) may use water for outdoor uses on Saturday.
 - Addresses/Customers east of US Hwy. 281 (SE and NE sections) may use water for outdoor uses on Sunday.
- Businesses requiring water as a basic function of the business, such as nurseries, commercial car washes, laundromats, high-pressure water cleaning services, bulk water sales, etc., will obtain written permission from the City Manager or his/her designee(s) for intended water use.

Stage III Outside Residential Water Use Enforcement Policy

The following Policy shall govern enforcement of outdoor residential water use restrictions effective April 1 2014.

- First Violation: Verbal/written warning.
- Second Violation: Fine up to \$500 per occurrence.
- Third Violation Discontinuation of water service.

Please also be aware that as of the middle of May 2014, the City will begin blending water from the Brazos River with water from Lake Palo Pinto. This is being done to extend the life of the lake. We will be using a mixture of approximately 20-30% Brazos River water. Brazos River water contains a higher chloride (salt) content than the water we normally treat from Lake Palo Pinto. As a result, this could cause the water to have a slightly different taste. The water provided to our customers in this manner will meet all State and Federal drinking water standards; however, you may wish to consider your individual taste and health needs when using this water for drinking or cooking purposes.

Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the City of Mineral Wells Public Works Department at (940) 328-7777.