

# City of Mineral Wells Notice to Water Customers

As you are aware, we continue to experience 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 October 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 implement an amended Stage III of their Drought Contingency Plans, in addition to other requirements. **Effective on October 1, 2014.**

The water conservation measures to be implemented are as follows:

**ALL OUTDOOR WATER USE IS PROHIBITED.** This would include, but not be limited to: irrigation or watering of vegetation including lawns, shrubs, trees, flower beds, and gardens; washing windows, siding, eaves and roofs of buildings; washing driveways, streets, curbs and gutters; noncommercial vehicle washing; draining, filling or adding water to swimming pools, flushing water systems and watering foundations. The only outdoor exceptions are water for animals and previously approved construction projects. Future construction projects not yet approved shall use only reuse water. Enforcement of required landscaping for new construction projects will be suspended for the duration of the foregoing outdoor water use prohibition.

## **Amended Stage III Water Use Enforcement Policy**

The following policy shall govern enforcement of water use restrictions effective:

**October 1, 2014**

- First Violation                      Fine up to \$500 per occurrence  
                                                 City Officials will patrol and maintain a record of all violations
- Repeat Violators                      Discontinuation of water service.
- Leaks on residential property will be repaired immediately or service may be disconnected.

As of mid-May, 2014, the City of Mineral Wells began blending water from the Brazos River with water from Lake Palo Pinto. This is being done to extend the life of the lake. We are 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 meets 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.