

**City of Kaufman Initiates Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures November 1  
Consumers limited to watering lawns once every two weeks November through March**

(October 24, 2011) Kaufman city officials have initiated Stage 3 of the *NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan, March 2008, (Plan)*, which goes into effect November 1. The goal of Stage 3 is a 10% reduction in water use and increased awareness in ongoing water conservation efforts.

As of Monday, September 26, 2011, Lake Lavon's elevation was down over 11 feet, and is at 52% of usable capacity. In addition, as of the most recent measurement, NTMWD's Lake Chapman water supply is at 35% due to the continued drought.

The NTMWD Board and the City of Kaufman requests that customers (including indirect customers) implement the following water conservation strategies:

- Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to once every two weeks between November 1 and March 31 and eliminate watering from 10 AM to 6 PM. The City of Kaufman is requiring that customers water on the following days:
  - **Customers on the west side of Washington Street shall water on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.**
  - **Customers on the east side of Washington Street shall water on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.**
- Accelerate public education efforts on ways to reduce water usage by 10%.
- Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and trees may be watered for up to two hours on any day by a handheld hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.
- Wait until the current drought has passed before establishing new landscaping and no hydroseeding, hydromulching or sprigging allowed.
- Do not drain and refill swimming pools except to replace normal water loss.
- Halt nonessential city government water use including street cleaning, vehicle washing, operation of ornamental fountains, etc.
- Accelerate public education efforts on ways to reduce water usage by 10%.
- Initiate engineering studies to evaluate alternatives should conditions worsen.
- Watering of golf courses using treated water is prohibited except as needed to keep greens and tee boxes alive.

NTMWD is encouraging residents to check control units, rain and freeze sensors on sprinkler systems to prevent unnecessary usage, and to repair any water leaks.

Extending the NTMWD's water supply during Stage 3 through the efficient use of existing water resources is crucial to meeting the long-term water needs of the NTMWD's Member Cities and Customers.

More information and tips on water conservation can be found at [www.wateriq.org](http://www.wateriq.org) and [www.ntmwd.com](http://www.ntmwd.com).