

## Water Use Reminders

As we continue through the summer months without any drought restrictions, the Town would like to take a moment to remind residents of the Town’s adopted landscape water management measures, as required by the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD).

These measures have previously been adopted regarding landscape irrigation:

- Lawn and landscape irrigation is limited to twice per week.
- Lawn irrigation watering is restricted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April 1 to October 31 of each year.
- Prohibition of watering of impervious surfaces.
- Prohibition of outdoor watering during precipitation or freeze events.
- Prohibition of the use of treated water to fill or refill residential, amenity and any other natural or manmade ponds. A pond is considered a still body of water with a surface area of 500 square feet or more.
- Rain and freeze sensors and/or ET or Smart controllers are required on all new irrigation systems. Rain and freeze sensors and/or ET or Smart controllers must be maintained to function properly.
- Home car washing can be done only when using a water hose with a shut-off nozzle.
- Prohibition of watering areas that have been over seeded with cool season grasses, such as rye grass or other similar grasses, except for golf courses and public athletic fields.

For the greatest impact on minimizing water usage, the Town encourages residents to evaluate irrigation usage and adjust the frequency or duration of their irrigation cycles. The NTMWD recommends the resources [northtexaswateriq.org](http://northtexaswateriq.org) and [watermyyard.org](http://watermyyard.org), which can help residents determine how frequently to water their yards, which may not necessarily be twice per week just because it is allowed.

Additionally, residents should be reminded to be cognizant of their irrigation and pool usage, as once they have used more than 40,001 gallons, the rate in the Town becomes \$8.85 per 1,000 gallons. See the rate chart below for the Town’s current Water Usage Rates:

Residential Water Usage Rates:	
First 2,000 gallons	\$16.19
2,001 – 10,000 gallons	\$3.53 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$4.13 per 1,000 gallons
20,001 – 30,000 gallons	\$4.49 per 1,000 gallons
30,001 – 40,000 gallons	\$5.61 per 1,000 gallons
40,001 gallons and up	\$8.85 per 1,000 gallons

If you would like to read your meter to monitor your water usage, simply open the water meter “can” and write down all the numbers in the white boxes. Most water meters have four white boxes with black numbers followed by two black boxes with white numbers, followed by a white zero surrounded in blue. These are displayed on the picture shown below. Reading from right to left – the first black box with a white number represents tens of gallons. A “7” in that box would represent 70 gallons. The second black box (reading from right to left) represents hundreds of

gallons. A “3” in the second box would represent 300 gallons. The first white box with black numbers would represent thousands of gallons.



To determine your usage, take a reading today by writing down all the numbers displayed. Read the meter again at about the same time the next day. By subtracting the second day’s reading, you can tell how many gallons you used. Remember to add a zero at the end of your calculation since the Town does not measure units lower than 10 gallons. When residents are billed, the Town rounds billing to the nearest 1,000 gallons.

The Town suggests performing this reading before and after an irrigation cycle, so that residents can see how much water their individual irrigation system uses and plan their watering for the entire month accordingly.

Should you need to contact the Town concerning your utility bill, you may do so by contacting the Utility Billing Department at 972-886-4242 or [utilitybilling@fairviewtexas.org](mailto:utilitybilling@fairviewtexas.org).