

East Fork Special Utility District Initiates Stage 3 Water Conservation Measures

East Fork Special Utility District officials announced that Stage 3 measures go into effect November 1, 2011. Under Stage 3, the district will accelerate efforts to reduce water use by 10%, and urge residents to conserve water.

The implementation of Stage 3 comes at the request of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), the district's water supplier. NTMWD initiated Stage 3 of the *NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan, March 2008*, as a result of the extreme temperatures and continuing drought conditions.

The East Fork SUD board action requests customers implement the following water conservation strategies:

- Continue or initiate any actions available under Stages 1 and 2.
- Restrict landscape and lawn irrigation from 10 AM to 6 PM. and wait until the current drought has passed before establishing new landscaping.
- 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 hand held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.
- Prohibit washing or rinsing of vehicles by hose except with a hose end cutoff nozzle.
- Prohibit using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste.
- Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to no more than one day per week.
- An exception is allowed for landscape associated with new construction that may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the date of the certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy, or certificate of completion.
- If your address ends in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) your day to water is Monday.
- If your address ends in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) your day to water is Tuesday.