



## News Release



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### **Weekly Landscape Irrigation in Effect September 1-October 31**

**ROWLETT, TX** – Effective September 1, 2014, to ensure water quality is maintained throughout the water distribution systems, North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), and therefore the City of Rowlett, is easing Stage 3 restrictions to allow landscape watering once a week with sprinklers or irrigation systems through the end of October 2014.

Citizens are asked to please visit [www.rowlett.com/WaterRestrictions](http://www.rowlett.com/WaterRestrictions) for information on when their household may water, as this is determined by the address number.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires that water providers, such as the City of Rowlett, maintain chlorine residuals in transmission and distribution systems to assure water quality so that the treated water supply is safe for use. Annually, chlorine residuals are depleted by increases in temperature during summer months. During the summer of 2014, NTMWD consumers have reduced their water usage so well that maintaining chlorine residuals has been compounded by the decreased demands.

To maintain water quality, the City of Rowlett, along with other NTMWD Member and Customer Cities, performs flushing of hydrants to remove the water that has decreased chlorine residuals. To improve the circulation and increase the water flow within the water systems, allowance of once per week watering with sprinkler or irrigation systems will assist in maintaining the required chlorine residuals.

The combinations of periodic summer rain events and reduced water usage facilitates the NTMWD's ability to move to once per week watering for the two month period of September and October. While water quality remains the top priority, water conservation and the wise use of water is still critical to maintain current available supplies until the drought eases. Lavon Lake is currently at elevation 480.27' and the once-per-week watering allowance should only decrease it by less than two feet, therefore would still not require initiation of Stage 4 Water Restrictions.

The City of Rowlett would like to thank citizens for their tremendous conservation efforts this summer.

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