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Upper Trinity Urges Everyone to Reduce Outdoor Watering

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Lewisville, TX (August 18, 2023) – The lack of rain and continued high temperatures are leading to record high water use among Upper Trinity Customers. Upper Trinity has continued in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan since last summer. Water usage today, however, is higher than this time last year. Continued high water usage could reduce Upper Trinity’s ability to deliver water to all or part of its regional water system.

Under Stage 1, **outdoor watering is limited to a maximum of two days per week and only between the hours of 6pm to 10am**. Upper Trinity urges residents, businesses, builders, and homeowner’s associations to reduce current outdoor water use. Check with your city or utility for specific watering requirements. Without a significant reduction in water use, Upper Trinity may be required to initiate Stage 2 soon (which limits outdoor watering to one day per week) to ensure existing drinking water infrastructure can continue delivering water.

“Although Upper Trinity’s local water supply reservoirs (Lewisville, Ray Roberts and Chapman lakes) are at acceptable levels for this time of the year, high water use among Customers, particularly for outdoor irrigation, is approaching levels that may affect Upper Trinity’s ability to deliver water to all of its Customers,” said Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director of Upper Trinity Regional Water District. “Working together now to reduce outdoor watering is essential in assisting Upper Trinity to hopefully hold off implementing further restrictions and keep water in our lakes for future use.”

According to the Texas Water Development Board, outdoor irrigation can account for 50 percent or more of total water use during the summer, and much of this can be wasted through inefficient landscape watering practices. Watering deep and infrequent and watering early or late in the day, can save water and improve the health and vigor of the landscape.

Here are additional ways residents, businesses, builders, and homeowner’s associations can conserve water:

- Having a certified irrigation professional perform an irrigation system check-up to ensure it is watering efficiently.
- Follow weekly outdoor watering recommendations provided by Texas A&M AgriLife at WaterMyYard.org.
- Watering foundations only by means of drip lines or soaker hoses.
- Avoiding draining and refilling of swimming pools - - only top off as needed.
- Creating a water-wise landscape by using plants that are native and adapted to the North Texas area.
- Checking for and repairing toilet leaks and dripping faucets.
- Installing water saving shower heads and taking shorter showers.
- Washing only full loads of dishes and laundry.
- Washing cars with a shut-off nozzle or at a car wash.

More water saving tips can be found at Upper Trinity's website at WaterLessYall.com.

About the Upper Trinity Regional Water District:

Upper Trinity is a regional water district created by the Texas Legislature in 1989 for the benefit of cities and utilities in the Denton County area. Its mandate is to develop regional plans for water services, and to provide both water and wastewater services on a wholesale basis to cities and utilities within its service area, including all of Denton County and portions of Dallas and Collin Counties. Upper Trinity is a leader in public education regarding water conservation and water quality protection, and regularly conducts programs concerning drought tolerant landscape techniques, landscape practices and more efficient water use. To learn more, please visit www.utrwd.com.

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