

## **City of Caddo Mills**

### **Voluntary Water Conservation Efforts**

#### **Awareness Stage – Odd/Even Outdoor Watering**

Our water experts continuously monitor the water supply and demand conditions to prepare for a potential water shortage. We're committed to doing what's necessary to manage a potential drought situation and meet our customers' need for water. In order to conserve the available water supply and to protect the integrity of our water supply facilities, we have adopted regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water during a drought and during peak demands.

#### ***The City is implementing an Awareness Stage - Odd/Even Outdoor Watering Schedule for all City of Caddo Mills water users.***

#### **Understanding the Current Water Conservation Restrictions**

Awareness – Voluntary Conservation – Odd/Even Outdoor Watering

#### **How does odd/even watering work?**

- If your address ends in an even number, you can water on even-numbered calendar days.
- If your address ends in an odd number, you can water on odd-numbered calendar days.

For example:

- If your address is 1400, you can water on the 2nd, 4th, 6th of the month and so on.
- If your address is 1401, you can water on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.

#### **How are water conservation stages issued?**

Let's define a drought – droughts are long lengths of time in which the land has a decreased water supply. There are two main causes that can lead to us issuing drought restrictions.

#### **Source 1: High customer demand**

As neighborhoods use a lot of water for outdoor water uses, that can cause the water supply to be used up faster than it is being replenished. Because of this, it's important to conserve water so there is a normal supply for daily domestic use.

#### **Source 2: Required by our water supplier**

If the water supplier notices the level of the water source is decreasing, it notifies the utilities that use it's water source. Once we are informed of a drought or conservation level by our supplier, we must reduce our water usage. From there, it's up to all of us to reduce and conserve our water usage so that everyone has enough water for basic tasks.

#### **Water Conservation is a Way of Life**

Do your part to conserve our precious supplies by small, thoughtful changes in your daily activities and habits. Small changes, if done on a large scale, add up to a big change. Every drop counts and every person can make a difference.

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**Voluntary Water Conservation Efforts (Cont.)**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

In addition to Odd/Even Outdoor Watering, what are some additional conservation practices?

- Water garden, trees, flowers, or other landscaped areas with a handheld hose, a faucet-filled bucket or watering can any day, and avoid unattended hoses.
- Repair all leaky faucets, fixtures, and pipes at your residence.
- Install flow restrictors on faucets.
- Do not leave water running continuously during dish washing, shaving, brushing of teeth and while washing hands.
- Run the dishwasher and clothes washer only for full loads, or utilize the lowest water setting for small loads.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly or start a compost pile for vegetable scraps.
- Scrape dishes clean instead of rinsing them clean.
- Rinse vegetables and fruit in a sink or pan filled with water instead of running them under running water.
- Reuse water from rinsing vegetables for watering plants.
- Keep container of cold water in the refrigerator, as opposed to running the faucet to get cold water.
- Install a low-flow shower head to limit the amount of water dispensed per minute.
- Reduce shower time and/or install a cutoff valve.
- Reduce the amount of water used for bathing by 1 to 2 inches in the tub.
- Take a shower not a bath.
- Water lawns only when needed, use a soil moisture meter to determine the need to water.
- Do not over water your yard; over watering results in water run off.
- Use sprinklers that produce large drops of water instead of those that produce a mist.
- Set automatic sprinklers to provide thorough, but infrequent, watering (1 inch every 5 days).
- Utilize rain shutoff devices to prevent watering during rain.
- Use drip irrigation systems for bedded plants, trees, shrubs, or turn the hose upside down so that water penetrates directly into the ground.
- Utilize soaker hoses anywhere except lawns.
- Limit vehicle washing with a bucket or hand-held hose with automatic shut-off.
- Keep pools covered if possible if not used regularly.
- Use a water displacement device in the toilet tank.
- Utilize water reuse where possible.
- Use a broom or blower instead of a hose to wash off driveways, sidewalks, or streets.
- Use commercial car washes that recycle water.