



## **Homeowners Guide to Water Violations in Denton**

Water is a non-renewable resource that needs to be conserved with the increase in population there is an increase in demand. Additionally, it is required that Denton has a Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan which outlines the regulations that are in place when Denton is in various stages of drought. These guidelines below were created to encourage responsible water use and ensure supplies for future use. Please read through the list below of the standard Denton's Water Utility Code Violations.

### **Mandatory Twice-A-Week Irrigation Schedule**

- Residents with an odd address (ending in 1,3,5,7 or 9) may only water on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- Residents with an even address (ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 or no address) on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Commercial and multi-family units may water on Mondays and Thursdays.

### **Lawn and Landscape Irrigation and Water Waste Ordinance**

Prohibition of outdoor watering from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM everyday from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

All irrigation systems must include rain and freeze sensors.

Prohibition of irrigation designs and installations that spray directly onto impervious surfaces such as sidewalks, roads, and onto any other non-irrigated areas.

Prohibition of the use of poorly maintained sprinkler systems that waste water.

Requirement that any outside faucet or service line leak be repaired.

### **Drought Contingency Plan**

#### **Stage 1 Drought - Mild**

Prohibition of outdoor watering from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Prohibition of using water to clean paved areas, building, windows, or other surfaces.

#### **Stage 2 Drought - Moderate**

All landscape watering is limited to one day of the week between the hours of 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM.

- Residents with an odd address (ending in 1,3,5,7 or 9) may only water on Wednesdays.
- Residents with an even address (ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 or no address) on Tuesdays.

Prohibition of the operation of an ornamental fountain that does not have a recirculation system or is not used to support aquatic life.

Prohibition of recreational water use for outdoor leisure including the use of faucets, hoses, or hydrants.

Restriction of washing any vehicle to the use of a hand-held bucket or a hose equipped with a positive shut-off only on your designated watering day.

Restrict the use of water to replace evaporation losses in swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzi type pools to the designated day of week watering schedule.

Prohibition of using water to clean paved areas, building, windows, or other surfaces.

Foundations may only be watered for a two-hour period between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM on the designated day of week watering schedule.

### **Stage 3 - Severe**

All irrigation is prohibited.

Restriction of washing any vehicle to a commercial car wash and only between the hours of 6:00 PM to 10:00 AM

Prohibition of filling, refilling, or adding water to swimming pools, wading pools, and jacuzzi type pools.

Prohibition of the operation of an ornamental fountain that does not have a recirculation system or is not used to support aquatic life.

Foundations may be watered for a two-hour period only between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM on the designated day of week watering schedule.

No application for a new, additional, expanded, or increased in size water service connections, meters, service lines, pipeline extensions, mains, or watered service facilities of any kind shall be approved.

Permitting of new swimming pools, hot tubs, spas, ornamental ponds, and fountain construction is prohibited.