



Initiate Stage 3

November 1, 2011

Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan

- **Stage 3 means consumers are allowed to water their lawns only once every two weeks.**
- Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to once every two weeks between November 1 and March 31 and eliminate watering from 10 AM to 6 PM. Residents should check with their city water department for specific city restrictions.

Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and trees may be watered for up to two hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.

- Wait until the current drought has passed before establishing new landscaping and no hydroseeding, hydromulching or sprigging allowed.
- Do not drain and refill swimming pools except to replace normal water loss.
- Halt non-essential city government water use including street cleaning, vehicle washing, operation of ornamental fountains, etc.
- Accelerate public education efforts on ways to reduce water usage by 10%.
- Initiate engineering studies to evaluate alternatives should conditions worsen.
- Watering of golf courses using treated water is prohibited except as needed to keep greens and tee boxes alive.

In addition to the extreme temperatures and continuing drought conditions, NTMWD currently can't pump water from Lake Texoma due to the presence of invasive zebra mussels. Lake Texoma normally provides almost a quarter of NTMWD's raw water supply.

As of Monday, September 26, 2011, Lake Lavon's elevation was down over 11 feet, and is at 52% of useable capacity. In addition, as of the most recent measurement, NTMWD's Lake Chapman water supply is at 35% due to the continued drought.