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North Texas Municipal Water District

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North Texas Municipal Water District returns to Stage 2 water restrictions
Landscape watering limited to no more than two days per week beginning June 1st, but conservation still a priority

(Wylie, Texas- May 24, 2012) The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Board of Directors voted today to return to Stage 2 of the NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan, March 2008, (Plan). Beginning June 1, 2012, and continuing through the months of June, July, August, and September, consumers with sprinkler or irrigation systems may water their lawns and landscapes no more than two days per week, as needed.

Under the Stage 2 water restrictions, sprinkler or irrigation systems are prohibited from operating between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm, however consumers are allowed to use soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems for up to two hours on any day for foundations and trees. Consumers should check with their city for specific restrictions and watering guidelines for your community. Also included in the Stage 2 provisions, the NTMWD Member Cities and Customers must continue to meet or exceed the 10% water use reduction goal.

“We are very thankful that Lavon Lake has returned to its normal conservation pool elevation from abundant winter and early spring rains, and Lakes Jim Chapman and Tawakoni are near full elevation. This increase in water supply, the water supply model projections, and the NTMWD Member Cities and Customers meeting the 10% water use reduction goals is allowing us to return to Stage 2,” said Jim Parks, Executive Director of NTMWD. “While we can’t predict what the summer weather will be, the months of June, July, and August are traditionally the hottest and driest months of the year so it’s important to continue conservation efforts and efficient use of our water supply. The water supply from Lake Texoma, 28% of the total NTMWD water supply, remains offline due to the infestation of an invasive species, the zebra mussel.”

NTMWD does not expect to resume pumping water from Texoma until the pipeline extension project is complete after the summer of 2013. Extending the NTMWD’s water supply during Stage 2 through the efficient use of existing water resources is crucial to meeting the long-term water needs of the more than 1.5 million people served in the NTMWD’s service area.

More information and tips on water conservation can be found at www.wateriq.org and www.ntmwd.com.