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Recent Inflows Increase Water Supply Capacities in Lakes Lavon and Jim Chapman
NTMWD to Ease Watering Schedule June 1st
Water customers urged to continue conservation measures and water only when needed

(Wylie, Texas-March 26, 2015) The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Board of Directors has voted to continue the once every two week watering for the months of April through May 31, 2015, and to ease watering restrictions effective June 1 through October 31 based on increases in water supply. NTMWD will make the determination for June 1 watering frequency within the next 30 days unless conditions improve more rapidly than forecasted. Check with your city for any specific restrictions.

Runoff from recent storms has raised the water supply capacity of both Lakes Lavon and Jim Chapman, two primary reservoirs for NTMWD. Lavon’s elevation remains 4.76 feet below its full conservation pool, and Lake Jim Chapman remains 2.08 feet below its full conservation pool. Drought still continues in both Lavon and Chapman.

“The much needed rains have helped put our water supplies in the position to be able to move to a more relaxed watering schedule. Even with relaxed measures, we must continue improving the wise and efficient use of water,” said Tom Kula, Executive Director of NTMWD. “Water conservation is still needed and is the new norm,” Kula added.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that as much as 50% of the water used outdoors is wasted through inefficient watering methods and systems. “We urge customers to have an irrigation inspection and to operate their irrigation systems in the manual operating mode and use them only when needed,” Kula added.

NTMWD, in partnership with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, offers a tool that computes weekly lawn watering needs. The tool, Water My Yard, found at http://watermyyard.org, utilizes recent weather conditions and the type of sprinkler system you have. Each Monday, participants receive an email with information on how long to run their systems and whether any supplemental water is needed for their lawns.

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