Recently Rains Will Help Lawns and Gardens, But Did Not Significantly Impact Reservoir Levels

*NTMWD urges customers to only water lawn and landscapes when needed*

(Wylie, Texas-May 9, 2014) Officials with the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) said that the recent rains in many parts of North Texas on Thursday provided enough water for lawns, gardens, and other landscaping needs, the key reservoirs for the NTMWD are still below normal levels. NTMWD remains under Stage 3 water restrictions which limits landscape watering to once every two weeks, if needed.

While run-off from the rain storm is continuing to flow into area reservoirs, Lavon Lake is still 11.67 feet below the normal conservation level. Lake Jim Chapman in northeast Texas is 10.53 feet below the normal conservation level.

NTMWD is still without the use of the water supply from Lake Texoma because of the zebra mussel infestation. While the new pipeline to restore pumping from Lake Texoma is expected to go online in phases beginning later this month, water restrictions will remain in effect.

“Lower than normal levels of our key water supplies, the ongoing drought, and projections of less than normal rainfall this summer combine to make water conservation critical,” said Thomas Kula, the executive director of NTMWD. “Landscape watering accounts for almost 33% of our water use, and we ask customers to be mindful of recent rainfall when deciding when to water their lawns and landscaping,” Kula added.

Please check with your city for specific guidance and tips to extend our current available supplies.

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