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North Texas Municipal Water District customers are doing their part to conserve water during current restrictions

Customers achieved more than the 10% reduction goal for Stage 3 drought restrictions for the month of June

(July 2, 2013-Wylie, Texas) Officials with the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and officials with NTMWD Member Cities and Customer Cities applaud the efforts of residential and business customers for achieving more than the 10% reduction goal for the month of June. The NTMWD implemented Stage 3 of the NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan effective June 1, 2013.

During the month of June, consumers within the NTMWD’s service area reduced water usage 7.8% more than the goal.

“We appreciate the efforts of our water customers to conserve this precious resource, especially as we enter what has been predicted to be another dry summer,” said Jim Parks, executive director of NTMWD. “Once per week landscape watering, if needed, along with other conservation measures is the key to continuing to meet, and exceed our 10% reduction goal,” Parks added.

In addition to once per week landscape watering, when needed, customers can use soaker hoses around trees and home foundations for up to two hours a day. Approved drip irrigation systems can also be used. Check with your city for specific water restrictions.

NTMWD officials urge residential and business landowners to install 3-6 inches of mulch around trees, bushes and in landscape gardens whenever possible. A layer of mulch helps to retain moisture in the soil.

Rainfall in late May and early June helped water our landscapes but did not produce sufficient runoff to significantly impact lake elevations of NTMWD’s primary water supplies. Lavon Lake is down over 7.5 feet below normal conservation levels and Lake Jim Chapman is down almost 9 feet.