

# NEWS STREAM



## Regional. Reliable. Everyday.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We had numerous accomplishments over this year on the road to ensuring the future of essential services for generations to come. We received our permit and began construction on Bois d'Arc Lake, a major new water supply that will begin delivering water in 2022. Planning and permitting is underway for a new regional water resource recovery facility to be located northeast of McKinney. And, through a unique public-private partnership with Morrow Renewables, we began harvesting the methane produced by the landfill and converting it to clean-burning renewable natural gas for energy. [Read the full message.](#)



### FY 2018-19 BUDGET & RATES APPROVED BY BOARD

On Thursday, Sept. 27, the NTMWD Board approved a 14-cent increase to the wholesale water rate to fund critical projects to maintain reliability of the regional water system and increase available supplies. The Board also approved over \$5.9 million in rebates back to the cities/entities it serves for avoided costs of chemicals and power during the 2017-2018 water year. Effective Oct. 1, the wholesale rate will be \$2.92 per thousand gallons of treated water for the 13 Member Cities. Customer entities pay five cents more per thousand gallons. View the [FY19 Budget and Rates fact sheet](#) for more details.



2018-2019 ANNUAL BUDGET

### EXPLAINING HOW WATER RATES PAY FOR #MORETHANWATER

Everyone needs water – in our homes, at

work and just for fun. Getting water to the tap is the last step in a long journey to ensure it's safe and reliable. We've developed this short, informative video that explains why water rates must cover the costs of more than just the water we all drink and use every day. [Watch](#) and share this video on how our water rates pay for #MoreThanWater. It is also available for download for our Member Cities and Customers in the [Member Portal](#).

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



## NEW INFOGRAPHICS AVAILABLE

Our Public Education team developed two new sets of [infographics](#) with simple steps everyone can take to protect our watershed and conserve water. All are available through our [Member Portal](#) with space to use your city's logo for ease of sharing across our Member Cities and Customers digital channels.



**ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN**  
When it rains, runoff carries pollutants into streams and water supplies.  
To keep our water clean, make sure only rain goes down storm drains.

**CLEAN WATER STARTS WITH YOU**

**PICK UP**  
Trash  
Yard clippings and leaves  
Pet waste

**DISPOSE OF**  
Used motor oil and paint at a waste disposal center

**CHOOSE**  
A runoff-free carwash and non-toxic or organic fertilizer and pesticides

For more tips, visit [NTMWD.com/Watershed](http://NTMWD.com/Watershed)

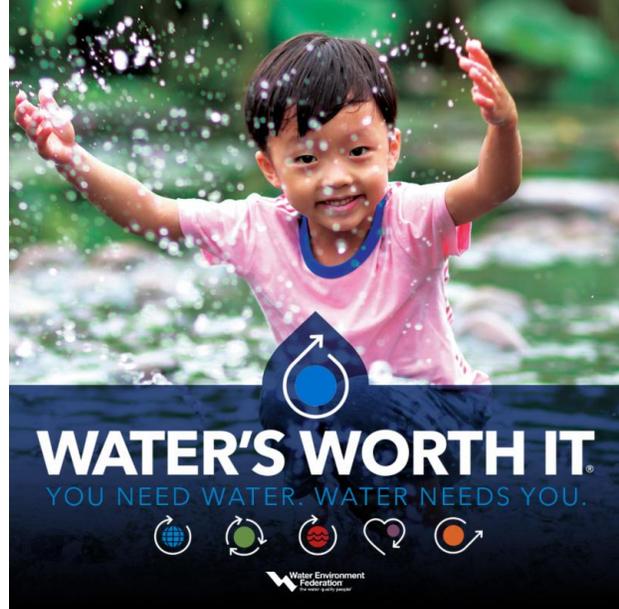
## IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER

NTMWD wants to help raise awareness of what our region and country would be like without access to safe, reliable drinking water. October 10 is [Imagine a Day Without Water](#), a national day of action to raise awareness about the [Value of Water](#) and how important safe and reliable water infrastructure is to our daily lives. We will be sharing information through our digital channels and we encourage you to do the same. It's #MoreThanWater, it's #Infrastructure. #ValueWater

Save the date:  
October 10th is  
**Imagine a Day Without Water.**  
#ValueWater

## WATER'S WORTH IT - WEF AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Raising awareness of the value and importance of water is as an integral component of the [Water Environment Federation's](#) (WEF) role as a leading technical and educational water quality organization. [WATER'S WORTH IT](#) is organized by WEF to help raise awareness about the value and importance of water and the work that water professionals do every day to provide clean and reliable services. WEF has numerous resources for sharing the campaign available for [download](#).



## PREP YOUR LAWN AND LANDSCAPE FOR THE COLD

It may still be warm for the beginning of October, but the days are getting shorter and the temperatures will eventually start to drop. Now is the perfect time to get the outside ready to withstand those colder months. Water Expert Denise Hickey and Horticulturalist Patrick Dickinson presented several tips on what we need to know about watering our landscape now and into the fall and winter months. [Read the full recap on our website.](#)



## DEFEND YOUR DRAINS AND AVOID COSTLY CLOGS

The next time you're cleaning up after dinner, pay attention to what's going down the drain. Sure, we all know not to dump bacon grease. But there are several other foods that can also cause serious plumbing problems and harm the environment.

Fats, oils, and grease—or FOG—is any food waste that should not go down the drain. This includes cooking oil, pan drippings, gravy, bacon grease, lard, shortening, butter, margarine, salad dressings, mayonnaise, creams, and sauces. Even non-greasy food scraps can clog your home's wastewater lines, so you should avoid putting food of any kind down your drain.

[Read more](#) on the [TakeCareofTexas.org](https://www.TakeCareofTexas.org) website and download their [infographic](#).

[DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com](http://DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com) is also full of helpful information to share.

**How to Avoid Costly Clog**

TAKE CARE OF TEXAS

You can avoid expensive plumbing problems, protect public health, and keep our water clean.

Don't flush any types of wipes down the commode, even flushable wipes. Food can cling to them and build up more quickly in wastewater pipes.

Recycle used cooking oil or pour it into a sealable container and place it in the trash. If you have a lot of oil, mix it with cat litter a little at a time and pour it in a sealed bag in the trash.

Eliminate your use of a garbage disposal. Food scraps of any kind can plug your home's wastewater lines. Instead, compost food scraps when possible; otherwise, throw them in the trash.

## FIRST SATURDAY CITIZEN TRASH DROP-OFF STILL SUSPENDED

Due to TXDOT construction on State Highway 121 around the North Texas Municipal Water District 121 Regional Disposal Facility in Melissa, Collin County is continuing to suspend the monthly First Saturday Citizen Trash Drop-Off Day. Please check their [website](#) for future updates.

The landfill will still accept trash from citizens willing to pay. [Learn more](#)

**REMINDER:**  
FIRST SATURDAY CITIZEN TRASH  
DROP-OFF DAY AT 121 REGIONAL  
DISPOSAL FACILITY (LANDFILL)  
SUSPENDED

Don't Forget

## What's Happening Around NTMWD?

There are many exciting events happening within the District and our cities. Check out what's coming up:

- Oct 5: [Wylie Rodeo](#) (Wylie)
- Oct 13: [Urban Harvest – Foraging in the City](#) (Denton)
- Oct 13: [Collin County Master Gardeners Bulb & Perennial Mart](#) (McKinney)
- Oct 17: [Build a Rain Barrel](#) (McKinney)
- Oct 20: [Saving from a Rainy Day](#) (Seagoville)
- Oct 25: [Boo on Ballard](#) (Wylie)
- Oct 27: Drug Take Back Event (Multiple Locations in our region)
- Oct 27: [The Marketplace](#) (Mesquite)
- Oct 27: [Fall Festival](#) (Princeton)
- Nov 8: [Hiring Red White & You](#) (Allen)



- [Richardson water line rupture repaired](#) (WFAA)
- [First beams in place on FM 897 bridge](#) (North Texas e-News)
- [Fannin County Commissioners Court to vote on Bois d'Arc Lake Zoning Oct. 30](#) (North Texas e-News\_)
- [Weekend flooding results in wastewater overflow, train derailment](#) (Allen American)
- [Rowlett City Council approves rate change for water, solid waste](#) (Rowlett Lakeshore Times)
- [Frisco's water rates increasing by about 2% for 2018-19](#) (Community Impact News)
- [Affordability: Lessons Learned from Gas and Electric Utilities](#) (WaterWorld)
- [Zebra mussels found clustered on Austin Water intake filters, officials say](#) (Austin Statesman)
- [Wet September shatters 86-year Dallas record, and there's more rain in forecast](#) (Dallas News)
- [How should water utilities plan for cash reserves?](#) (AWWA)
- [US drinking water supply is at risk from deteriorating pipes](#) (Washington Examiner)

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