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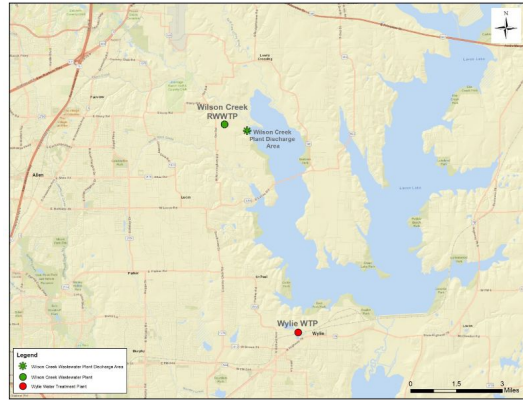
2018 - VISION IN ACTION - A YEAR IN REVIEW

Our vision of regional service through unity guides everything we do at the North Texas Municipal Water District. Watch this short video highlighting some of our accomplishments and projects over the last year.

[Watch Video](#)

UPDATE ON WILSON CREEK PLANT RELEASE

A lightning strike on Dec. 26 damaged equipment at the Wilson Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Lucas causing an overflow into a small cove of Lavon Lake. Drinking water quality has not been affected by the partially treated wastewater overflow.



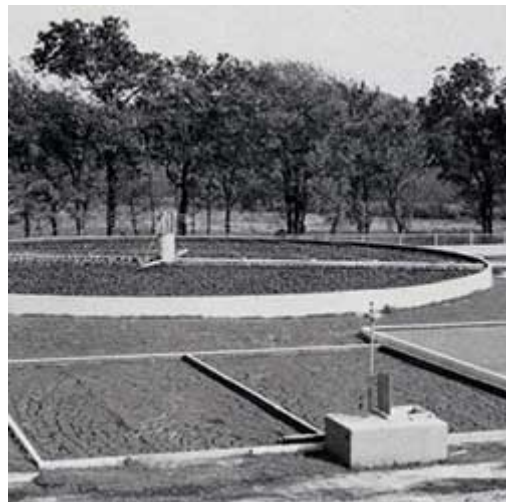
Crews isolated the area, and will continue monitoring and testing water quality - which has improved with the rainfall received in recent days.

[Click on the above map](#) to see the general location of the Wilson Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is nearly six miles from the intake point for the Wylie Water Treatment plant.

[Read More](#)

REGIONALISM IS KEY TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The District has a history of providing essential services across our region that would be much more costly for many North Texas cities to do on their own. This month, we take a look back on how our regional approach has helped consolidate and/or eliminate 18 smaller, less efficient wastewater treatment plants since 1972.



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REVIEW DRAFT WATER CONSERVATION PLANS

According to the 2017 State Water Plan, nearly one-quarter of future water supplies (through 2070) will come from conservation and reuse. As required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, NTMWD revises and submits its Water Conservation and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plans every 5 years.



There will be a public comment meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 1 p.m. in the NTMWD Main Training Room at 505 E. Brown Street, Wylie, Texas, 75098 to discuss the revised plans.

Review Plans

BEHIND THE SCENES: TRASH, TRANSFER & DISPOSE SAFELY

In December, NTMWD Board members and staff got a behind-the-scenes tour of our Solid Waste operations with a visit to the Lookout Drive Transfer Station in Richardson, followed by a trip to the 121 Regional Disposal Facility (landfill) in Melissa. Get a recap of the tour from our tweets along the way. Make sure to follow us on Twitter ([@NTMWD](https://twitter.com/NTMWD)) for more moments.



Twitter Moment

**CONSTRUCTION SAFETY
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TRAINING IN WATER

NTMWD will host an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 30-Hour Construction Safety Training from April 23 - 26, 2019.

This is available for staff from our Member Cities and Customers.



The class is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Technical Services Large Conference Room (CR 469) located at 810 N. Hwy 78 Building G, Wylie, TX 75098. The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) OSHA Education Center will conduct the training. The cost for each student is \$300. Attendees must enroll and pay via the TEEX website.

[Enroll Now](#)

ACTION PLAN TO REDUCE LEAD EXPOSURE

Water utilities may receive questions following the recent announcement by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Health and Human Services about an [action plan](#) to reduce lead exposure.



NTMWD is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water and has no lead pipes in the regional water transmission system. Our laboratory is accredited by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and conducts more than 250,000 tests per year. Our water quality reports are published [online](#).

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has a [Lead Communications Kit](#) to help in responding to questions.

[Download the Federal Lead Action Plan](#)

RECYCLE DECORATIONS & COMPOST FOOD



Before you throw away holiday decorations or food scraps, Water Expert Denise Hickey and Horticulturalist Patrick Dickinson want you to know where most end up versus where they **should** go.

[Read Recap](#)

SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE INNOVATION

Applications accepted for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Center of Development Excellence CLIDE Awards beginning February 4, 2019.



The Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Awards Program was created in 2003 to encourage innovative development projects and practices that will help accommodate this expected growth and ensure a sustainable North Texas for generations to come. The CLIDE Awards Program does this by recognizing private and public development programs and projects that exemplify the Principles of Development Excellence.

[Learn More](#)

What's Happening Around NTMWD?

There are many exciting events happening within the District and our cities.

- **Jan 9:** [NTMWD Water Conservation and Water Resource and Emergency Management Plans - Public Comment Meeting](#) (Wylie)
- **Jan 12:** [Newcomer's Guide to Gardening](#) (McKinney)
- **Jan 19:** [Bunker's Pond Trail Walk](#) (Seagoville)
- **Jan 23-25:** [Water for Texas Conference](#) (Austin)
- **Feb:** [Controlled burn at East Fork Water Reuse Project](#) (Seagoville)
- **Feb 2:** [Wetland Center Highway Cleanup](#) (Seagoville)
- **Feb 15:** NTMWD Water Treatment Plant Tour for City Officials (Wylie)
- **Feb 16:** [Edible Gardening 101](#) (McKinney)
- **Feb 27:** [Green Seminar: Beautiful Lawn with Daniel Cunningham](#) (McKinney)

[See More Events](#)

In The News

- [Construction of Bois d'Arc Lake on schedule](#) (North Texas e-News)
- [Northwest Pipe Company Awarded Large Supply Position on the Bois d'Arc Lake Project](#)
- [NTMWD Builds \\$1.6B Bois d'Arc Lake](#) (Construction Equipment Guide)
- [NTMWD to conduct controlled burns at Kaufman County wetlands, weather dependent](#) (Forney.com)
- [4-mile wastewater pipeline construction underway in Plano](#) (Plano Star Courier)
- [Safe Drinking Water Is Our Top Priority](#) (Eat Green DFW)
- [Garland to forgo \\$500K a month in water revenue to rethink apartment rate hike](#) (Dallas News)
- [Education, water, transportation threaten Dallas-Fort Worth's growth streak](#) (Dallas News)
- [Workers wanted: New solution to construction worker shortage taking](#)

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 - [The Texas water industry faces a looming workforce shortage as it struggles to attract new talent](#) (Texas Tribune)
 - [A Water Crisis in Newark Brings New Worries](#) (New York Times)
 - [Making the connection: Watersheds and our water supplies](#) (TribTalk)
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