

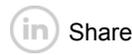
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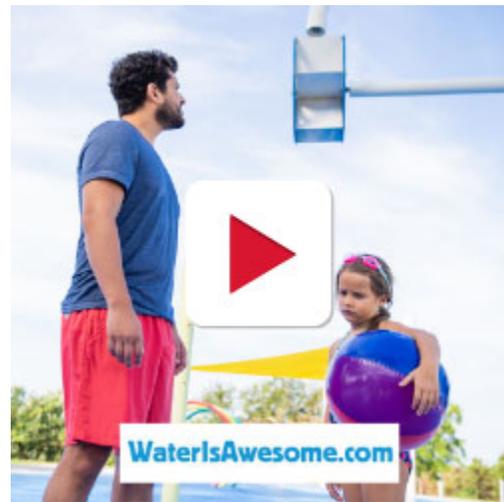


CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO WATER CONSERVATION AS KEY SOURCE OF FUTURE SUPPLIES

While North Texas has experienced wetter than normal conditions the past few years, water utilities must stay the course to support conservation as a critical component of water resource planning. According to the most recent state water plan, nearly one-quarter of future water supplies to serve North Texas will come from conservation and reuse. That's just one important reason why the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) continues to invest in water education as conservation remains a vital source of supply to meet our region's long term water needs.

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As part of the regional campaign launched in coordination with neighbor agencies Dallas Water Utilities and Tarrant Regional Water District, take a minute to watch [one of our commercials](#) now airing on local stations. For the first time ever, one united message from the largest water providers in North Texas will be heard throughout the region - “Keep Texas Water on Tap” - to support efforts to preserve our region’s most precious resource.



Read Press Release

UPLANTIT REMINDER - DEADLINE TO ORDER IS AUGUST 4

Do you love gardening but aren’t quite sure which plants to choose for your landscape to blossom? Having trouble finding plants that look great and thrive season after season? Take the guesswork out of finding the right plant for the right spot with perfect plant combinations by purchasing a custom-designed, water-saving UPlantIt boxed garden!



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WATER WORKS INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP NEXT GENERATION OF TALENT

Collin College, in collaboration with NTMWD, is creating a Waterworks training program to address the growing worker shortage across the water/wastewater treatment industry. Collin College was awarded \$158,664 for the program as part of the more than \$5.2 million in [Texas Talent Connection grants](#) awarded to 15 innovative workforce skills training and job placement programs across the state.



[Read More](#)

MEET OUR NEW WATERSHED MANAGER

August is National Water Quality Month, and watershed protection is vital to protecting our water at its source. David Cowan, the District's new Watershed Manager, spent 18 years with the Lower Colorado River Authority where he coordinated the Texas Clean River Program and Water Quality Protection.



In addition to his time at LCRA, David comes to us most recently from Lake County Water Resources division, where he was responsible for the health and preservation of the largest freshwater lake in California (Clear Lake). As part of our watershed protection team, David will work closely with public, cities and

partner agencies to identify and implement measures aimed at protecting and improving source water quality through our Watershed Protection Plan. You can learn more about our watershed protection efforts at the link below.

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GET THE FACTS ABOUT WATER QUALITY FIRST

Have you seen those alarming Facebook ads showing brown water or corroded pipes? These ads use a misrepresentation of the water quality in North Texas and scare tactics to convince consumers to buy expensive home filtration systems. NTMWD water is safe to drink and use without filtration, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) continues to rate our water system as "superior."



Before investing in an in-home water filtration system, NTMWD recommends consumers review water quality information on their city's or local utility's website. NTMWD's water quality reports are also available at [NTMWD.com/Water Quality Reports](https://www.ntmwd.com/Water-Quality-Reports). If consumers wish to have additional testing, it's important to use a state-certified laboratory. The TCEQ has an [online search](#) feature to locate accredited labs in Texas.

Learn More

PROGRESS CONTINUES ON BOIS D'ARC LAKE

It was a beautiful July day in Fannin County for our NTMWD Board of Directors to tour the Bois d'Arc Lake construction sites and its various components. Stops included a view of the dam embankment, the raw water intake structure and raw water pump station, the new mile-long bridge that will go across the future lake, and the Leonard Water Treatment plant and facilities.



See Photos on Facebook

STAY IN THE KNOW ON BOIS D'ARC LAKE

Make sure to sign up for the monthly [Bois d'Arc Lake e-newsletter](#) to get regular progress updates about this vital project in Fannin County. Watch this month's quick [video highlight reel](#) of the progress made in July. You can always find the [most recent progress report online](#).



Vist BoisdArcLake.org

TOUR FOR CITY OFFICIALS AUGUST 15

Our next tour of the Wylie Water Treatment Plant for officials and leaders from our Member Cities and Customers is scheduled for August 15 at 1:30 p.m. This is another great opportunity for new Councilmembers and staff to learn about our operations. Please RSVP your attendance using the link below.



Email RSVP

TCEQ NEWS YOU CAN USE HELPS EVERYONE TAKE CARE OF TEXAS

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) statewide campaign "Take Care of Texas" provides helpful information on environmental protection and encourages all Texans to help keep our air and water clean, conserve water and energy, reduce waste, and save a little money in the process! Subscribe to their monthly newsletter at TakeCareOfTexas.org.



TCEQ is an agency of almost 2,800 employees in 16 offices across the state. No matter what part of Texas you call home, TCEQ employees are our neighbors and work to serve us all every single day, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Find out what TCEQ employees have to say about working to help Take Care of Texas in their latest video.

Watch - We are TCEQ

WETLAND PROGRAMS KEEP IT WILD 🦉

It's almost time for school to begin - do you know an educator searching for just the right activity to add a little wilderness to their lesson plans? The [John Bunker Sands Wetland Center](#) has partnered with regional school districts, wildlife and conservation organizations, and research institutions to develop premier environmental education programs, specializing in middle and high school field studies.



The unique environmental education programs of the Wetland Center will give students an opportunity to observe and collect data for research projects. This scientific inquiry method provides real life experience using field and laboratory investigations to solve problems and make informed decisions.

[Learn More](#)

NTMWD HOSTS ESRI WATER USER GROUP

The ESRI Global Water Practice and NTMWD are hosting the ESRI Water User Group Meeting **October 2** in Wylie. This is a chance for like-minded peers to connect and discuss how GIS technology is being implemented at local water organizations. Highlights from the upcoming meeting include the latest ArcGIS updates from ESRI experts, how the District is using GIS, and information on mobile applications



to support office-to-field workflows.

Register at the link below:

Learn more & Register

CMOM 2019 - A FOCUS ON STRONG PRACTICES

The Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) workshop brings municipal wastewater permit holders together with regulators from state and federal agencies to discuss regulatory policy, best management practices, and community health and safety through collection system asset management and proper maintenance and operation.



The conference, hosted by the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 in association with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Water Environment Association of Texas and City of Austin Water, will be held August 19 - 20 in Austin. NTMWD Assistant Deputy Jenna Covington will speak on Regional Collaboration and CMOM Implementation within the District. You can register online through the link below:

Learn More

CATCH UP ON GREEN SEGMENTS

Have you missed one of our WFAA Green Segments with Patrick Dickinson and Denise Hickey? No worries, you can always find them on our [YouTube channel](#) a few days following the WFAA broadcast. In fact, we have a Green Segments playlist with all aired episodes for your convenience.



What's Happening Around NTMWD?

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

Check out what's coming up:

- Aug 3:** [Walk & Talk Bird Tour \(Seagoville\)](#)
 - Aug. 7:** [Nature Studies for the Family! \(Seagoville\)](#)
 - Aug. 10:** [Doggie Splash Day – 2019 \(Mesquite\)](#)
 - Aug. 14:** [WEBINAR: Vegetable Gardening for North Central Texas](#)
 - Aug. 15:** [16th Annual Online Bulb Sale](#)
 - Aug. 17:** [Bunker's Pond Trail Walk \(Seagoville\)](#)
 - Aug. 21:** [Nature Studies for the Family! \(Seagoville\)](#)
 - Aug. 23:** [Pots in Small Spots: Container Gardening \(Frisco\)](#)
 - Aug. 24:** [Shade Gardening \(Plano\)](#)
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In The News

- [First New Major Reservoir in Decades Under Development in Fannin County](#) (Texas Contractor)
 - [When should I water my yard? WaterMyYard has an app for that](#) (AgriLife Today)
 - [10 Challenges of Water Utilities \(aging infrastructure, financing top list\)](#) (Texas Water Resources Institute)
 - [TWRI report: Economically Recoverable Water in Texas: An Underappreciated Water Management Strategy?](#) (Texas Water Journal)
 - [Invasive plants threaten state's lakes](#) (Dallas News)
 - [Zebra Mussels affecting Canyon Lake water supply](#) (KSAT)
 - [Republic Services' Plano, Texas, MRF Tackles Contamination Crisis](#) (Waste 360)
 - [Dallas, TX Could Mandate Recycling for Businesses to Cut Down on Waste](#) (Waste Advantage)
 - [Austin Water officials look to alternative water use to conserve water supply](#) (KXAN)
 - [Lake Ralph Hall Land Acquisition Moves Forward](#) (KETR)
 - [Technical and financial assistance available to agricultural producers in the Lake Lavon watershed](#) (North Texas eNews)
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