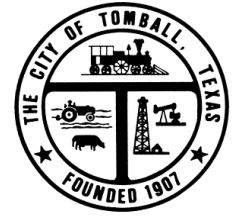


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Tomball Public Works Department Requests Voluntary Water Conservation during Extreme Drought

Due to the long-standing extreme drought conditions occurring for our region, the City of Tomball Public Works Department is requesting that all water customers practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue non-essential water use. While the City's public water system is operating in good condition, the City of Tomball Public Works Department is concerned that a high water demand caused by excessive landscape and lawn irrigation during extreme drought conditions can cause unnecessary strain on the water system, which could produce the need to initiate mandatory water restrictions.

Therefore, in order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety, water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), and to irrigate only between the hours of midnight and 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to midnight on designated watering days.

The City of Tomball Public Works Department would also like to remind all water customers that it is unlawful to waste water any time of year. Ordinance Sec. 82-256, Wasting Water. "It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, allow, or otherwise permit water wasting when applying water to grounds, lawns, plants, trees, shrubs, bushes, or other vegetative matter, or when applying water for any landscaping or agricultural purpose of any kind." (Ord. No. 2002-20, § 1, 9-3-02)

The City of Tomball Public Works Department would like to thank all water customers for their voluntary efforts toward water conservation for the benefit of our community. If you have any questions regarding water conservation, please call the Public Works Department at 281-290-1425.