



City serious about water conservation

Recent drought conditions in North Texas, underscored by the low levels of reservoirs, has made obvious the need to conserve water. Doing so will lower water bills and reduce the stress on the City's water system and Dallas Water Utilities resources.

City of Cedar Hill ordinance No. 2008-370 includes several important new elements that dramatically change outdoor watering parameters for residents.

1. No watering of landscape or exterior use of water during daytime hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from May 1 through September 30.

2. When Stage II of the Drought Contingency Plan is activated, watering days are determined by odd/even house address numbers (odd on Mondays and Thursdays, even on Tuesdays and Fridays). No watering is allowed on Wednesdays, Saturdays or Sundays.

The ordinance supports a Drought Contingency Plan of three stages with increasingly more restrictive levels. Moving to a higher stage will be determined by the severity of the drought.

Stage I - Voluntary

Voluntarily reduce water use and adhere to watering schedule.



Ordinance forbids daytime watering from May to September

Major water users are requested to reduce water usage on a voluntary basis. No watering on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

Conservation is critical to avoid more drastic drought restrictions.

Stage II - Mandatory

Watering or exterior use of water is prohibited on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday and allowed only according to the watering schedule days between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m.

Stage III - Mandatory

No landscape watering or exterior use of water at any time.

Water use prohibited for any non-essential use.

Foundation watering is allowed at any time with hand-held hoses or soaker hoses.

Fines will start at up

to \$200 for a first offense, up to \$400 for the second offense, up to \$600 for the third offense and up to \$2,000 for the fourth offense.

City staff members are available to meet with community groups and neighborhood organizations to share information about managing our water resources. Contact Josh McLerran, City of Cedar Hill's Environmental Specialist at 972.291.5126, ext. 2818.

Cedar Hill acquires water from Dallas Water Utilities (DWU). On occasion, DWU may recommend a water restriction stage. The Stage level and watering schedules are available on the City website (www.cedarhilltx.com/watering) These descriptions include the triggering criteria and appropriate water uses during that stage.

Water Conservation tips

1. Check for and repair toilet leaks
2. Install water-saving shower heads
3. Reuse water when you can. Aquarium water is great for watering plants
4. Wash only full loads in your washing machine and dishwasher
5. Fix dripping faucets
6. Use a bucket of water to wash your car instead of leaving the hose running
7. Use a broom to clean patios and driveways
8. Water early in the morning to reduce water lost to evaporation
9. Monitor your irrigation/sprinklers. Don't water streets, driveways or sidewalks
10. Plant native or drought-tolerant plants

Find more water-saving tips and links on the Public Works Dept. page at www.cedarhilltx.com/Departments.

Local elections set for Saturday, May 9

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 9 at precinct polling locations in Cedar Hill. To locate your polling place, visit the Dallas County Elections website at www.dalcoelections.org.

Early voting will begin Monday, April 27 and run through Tuesday, May 5 in the lobby of the Cedar Hill Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd. Early voting polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 27-May 2. On Sunday, May 3 they will be open from 1-6 p.m. and May 4-5 they will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Check the City website at www.cedarhilltx.com for more information under "Community News".

CHPD reports a good year in 2008

In the Cedar Hill Police Department's recently released Annual Report for 2008, Chief Steve Rhodes said "Cedar Hill remains the safest city in the Best Southwest."

Among the major accomplishments for the year is establishing permanent patrol and crime prevention beat assignments incorporating P.A.C.T. (Police And Community Together) strategies that engage residents and assign neighborhood accountability to specific officers.

The 2008 report is available for download at www.cedarhilltx.com/police. Among the information and statistics is recognition of Adrian Saldana as Officer of the Year, Norman Hammel as Supervisor of the Year, Ann McSwain as Rookie of the Year and MaLinda Nicholson as Civilian of the Year.



Fire Station #4 nears completion

Captain John Denison and his staff are overseeing the final installation of equipment as the station on Lake Ridge Parkway becomes operational in mid-April. Watch for information about a joint ribbon cutting with officials from Grand Prairie in May.

This station is another fine example of how the City of Cedar Hill leverages partnerships with other entities to provide premier services to residents.

Cedar Hill and Grand Prairie are sharing construction and operational expenses for this station that provides service to western Cedar Hill and southern Grand Prairie.

Free wi-fi

Wireless internet service is available at the Zula B. Wylie Library and at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

Community Calendar

More information is available on the Calendar at www.cedarhilltx.com

April

18 Spring Clean Up, Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful

9 a.m. - Noon
Virginia Weaver Park, 631 Somerset

23 Loop 9 Meeting

6:30 p.m. hosted by State Representative Giddings
Cornerstone Bible Church

27 First Day of Early Voting in Local Election

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Voting continues daily through May 5. Check www.cedarhilltx.com for hours.

Government Center lobby, 285 Uptown Blvd.

28 City Council Meeting

Council Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Briefing session begins at 6 p.m. Open to public. Multi-purpose Court Room (this meeting only, Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.

May

2 Mother & Son Super Hero Dance

2-4 p.m. Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville
\$30 per couple or \$15 per person. For boys age 4-9 and their moms. Everyone is encouraged to dress as a super hero. Enjoy dancing, refreshments and fun. Each couple will receive a 5x7 portrait photo. Call the Recreation Center at 972.293.5288.

2-3 North Texas Kite Competition & Family Kite Fly

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. , Sunday, May 3, 1-4 p.m.
Valley Ridge Park, 2850 Park Ridge Drive
Bring your own kites, pack a picnic and enjoy kite flying demonstrations.

3 Arbor Day Tree Dedication

1 - 4 p.m. Valley Ridge Park 2850 Park Ridge Drive
Commemorate Arbor Day and celebrate the contribution that trees make to our environment.

3 Texas Junior Angler Fishing

1 - 4 p.m. Valley Ridge Park 2850 Park Ridge Drive

7 National Day of Prayer Stadium Event

7 p.m. CHHS Longhorn Stadium

9 Head For the Hills Bike Rally

7 a.m. starts at Cedar Hill High School, 1 Longhorn Dr.
Sponsored by the Cedar Hill Rotary Club, benefits charitable endeavors in Cedar Hill

9 Joint Election

Visit www.dalcoelections.org for information about voter registration, voting locations and more.

Monthly

Readers on the Hill

Literary group meets the first Monday of each month at the Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St. Call the library at 972.291.7323 for more information.

Dallas Area Writers Group

Open to beginning and seasoned writers, this group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St. For more information visit www.dallaswriters.org.

Cedar Hill Star Party

Third Saturday of each month, sunset until 11 pm,
J.W. Williams Park, 1065 High Pointe Ln. (Beside West Intermediate School)

For more information, please visit www.tasobserving.org. For cancellation information, call 214.800.6000.



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