



Stage 3 Watering

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) initiated Stage 3 of the NTMWD Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan on June 1, 2013. The goal of Stage 3 is a 10% reduction in water use and increased awareness of ongoing water conservation efforts. Jim Parks, Executive Director of the NTMWD, explained the reasons for moving to Stage 3: "Our primary water supplies are below normal levels due to less than average rainfall and projections indicate we will not get the rainfall we need going into this summer." As of April 25, 2013, Lake Lavon's elevation was down 7.7 feet. Lake Chapman, another NTMWD water source, was down 7.9 feet. In addition, the water district still cannot use water from Lake Texoma due to the presence of invasive zebra mussels. Lake Texoma usually provides 28% of NTMWD's total raw water supply. A new pipeline is being constructed to transport water to the Wylie, Texas water treatment plant but the first phase of that project will not be completed until January 2014.

On June 1, 2013 the Town of Fairview also initiated Stage 3 of its Drought Contingency Plan. Some of the major changes and details that will impact you all as residents and business owners are listed below. To access the full version of the Drought Contingency Plan and to stay up to date on Stage 3 please visit the town website at www.fairviewtexas.org and read Top News and access the Stage 3 tab, both of which can be found on the home page.

Stage 3 Details

The Town will continue to implement the Stage 1 and 2 restrictions. Changes to watering habits due to Stage 3 restrictions include:

- Landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address would now be limited to once every seven days. Exceptions are as follows:
 - ❖ No watering from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. between April 1st to October 31st (Same as Stage 2)
 - ❖ Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and trees may be watered for up to 2 hours on any day by a hand-held hose, a soaker hose, or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system.
 - ❖ Golf courses may water greens and tee boxes without restrictions.
 - ❖ Locations using other sources of water supply for irrigation may irrigate without restrictions.
 - ❖ Registered and properly functioning ET/Smart irrigation systems and drip irrigation systems may irrigate without restrictions.
 - ❖ Hosing of paved areas, buildings, or windows is allowed.
 - ❖ Operation of all ornamental fountains is allowed.
 - ❖ Existing swimming pools can be drained and refilled.
 - ❖ Hydroseeding, hydromulching and sprigging is allowed.

Since Stage 3 has been initiated, the town has adopted a system in which residents and businesses are allowed to water. This system is based on being located in one of four zones that the town has been broken into for watering purposes. The zone you're in determines which day watering is allowed. For example, if you live in Heritage Ranch you can only water on Tuesdays during Stage 3 because you are located in Zone 2. **PLEASE SEE BACK TO DETERMINE WHAT ZONE YOU ARE LOCATED IN AND WHAT DAY YOU CAN WATER.**

There are many other opportunities to help conserve water. Below a variety of other tips that you might find helpful:

- Repair leaks, running toilets, dripping faucets, and broken sprinkler heads.
- Water in the morning or evening when the temperatures are cooler.
- Plant native, drought tolerant plants that require less water.
- Adjust your lawn mower to at least one notch. A taller lawn holds more moisture.
- Water only when plants look like they need it. Most plants die from over-watering.

Some excellent resources regarding smart landscaping and water conservation are:

Have Questions???

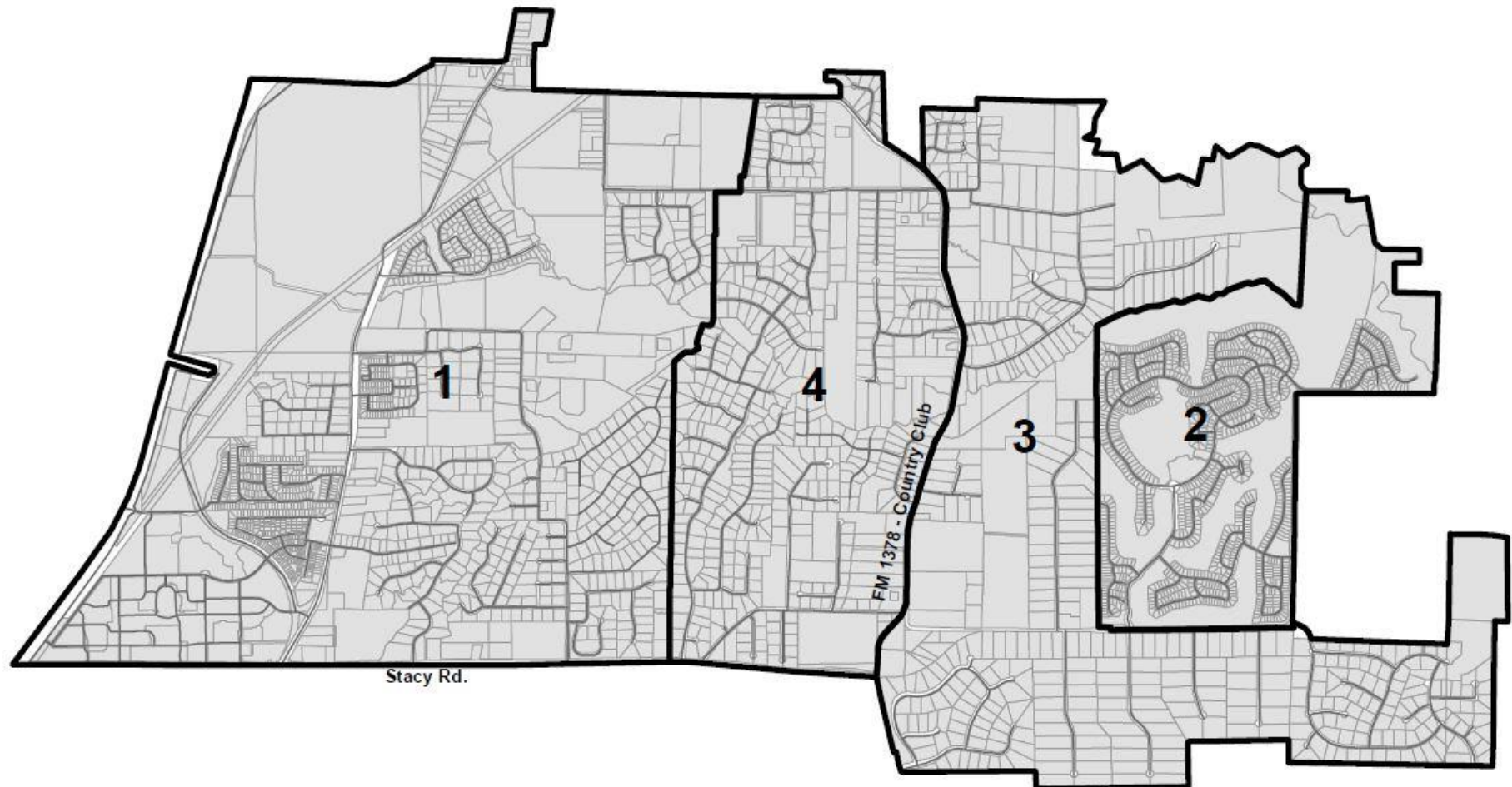
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Watering Schedule:
Zone 1 - Monday
Zone 2 - Tuesday
Zone 3 - Wednesday
Zone 4 - Thursday

Stage 3: Zone Designation and Watering Schedule



****Those served by Milligan Water Supply or The City of Allen are not shown above and should follow the drought contingency plans set by those entities.**