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City of Cleburne Prepares for Stage 2 Drought Conditions

Cleburne, Texas – In response to low lake levels, the City of Cleburne is currently transitioning to Stage 2 drought response of its Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. The Stage 2 drought response, effective Monday, August 8, includes additional irrigation restrictions for homes, businesses and municipal operations.

“The primary change from Stage 1 to Stage 2 drought response is the reduction of unattended irrigation days” said Public Works Director Jeremy Hutt. “Watering during the morning or evening hours when temperatures are coolest will help reduce water loss due to evaporation.”

The implementation of Stage 2 of the Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan includes the following measures:

Outdoor unattended use of water (sprinkling of landscape vegetation) will be permitted only one day each week from March through October and only within the designated hours (no watering between 9:00am to 6:00pm).

The single watering day schedule for unattended irrigation will be as follows:

Friday for non-residential sites (apartments, businesses, parks, common areas)

Saturday residential addresses ending in even numbers (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)

Sunday residential addresses ending in odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

Drip irrigation and use of soaker hoses will be restricted to the twice per week schedule. Attended watering with a hose with a spray nozzle with a shut off or watering with a bucket will not be restricted.

Non-essential water use will be prohibited. Non-essential water use is defined as washing house windows, sidings, eaves, and roof with a hose without the use of a bucket and a hose cutoff valve; washing driveways, streets, curbs and gutters; washing vehicles without a hose cutoff valve and bucket; draining and refilling swimming pools; and flushing water systems.

Please note, the refilling of swimming pools water levels for normal use is permitted. The draining and filing of swimming pools is prohibited.

When necessary to protect water quality, water flushing will continue throughout the city. Water line flushing is a standard and necessary utility practice to ensure fresh water is moving throughout the system and required disinfect levels are maintained. These actions are needed to ensure the community is receiving the best quality water possible.

Our existing drinking water supply remains more than adequate for our community. These actions to proactively conserve are a vital measure intended to better position the city should State and local drought conditions continue for an extended period. Staff will continue to update the community regarding the drought status with information posted on a dedicated page on the city's website as well as social media platforms. Jeremy Hutt, Public Works Director, will be providing an update at the July 26, 2022 City Council meeting.

For more information, call City of Cleburne at 817-645-0900

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