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League City Removes Mandatory Water Restrictions and Encourages Voluntary Water Rationing

The City of League City is relaxing water restrictions after the City of Houston, one of League City's main water suppliers, removed mandatory water rationing restrictions early this week. League City is now on stage one of the Drought Contingency Plan. This stage calls for voluntary water conservation and urges residents and businesses to follow a list of conservation guidelines:

- Irrigation of landscaped areas and lawns should be done during the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursday for water customers with even numbered addresses and Mondays and Wednesdays for customers with odd numbered addresses.
- Re-direct all sprinkler heads to spray only on grassed or landscaped areas not on sidewalks or streets.
- All City operations shall adhere to these water use restrictions prescribed in Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan. The City will reduce the flushing of water mains and hydrants.
- Use of water for washing cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles or other vehicles is discouraged.
- Use of water to wash down sidewalks, driveways, decks, parking lots, or any other hard surface area is discouraged.
- Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for the purpose other than immediate fire protection is discouraged.
- Flushing of gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in gutters, curbs or streets from a hose or irrigation system is discouraged.

- Use of water in amenity ponds, fountains or other scenic purposes is discouraged.
- The City recommends that residents and businesses reduce the filling of swimming pools, Jacuzzi-type spas and other outdoor water uses except during the off peak hours of use identified for irrigation above.
- Report all leaks immediately to 311 during normal business hours or 281-554-1390 after-hours, so City staff can make necessary repairs promptly.

The City was most recently on stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan, but due to extreme drought conditions, the City has been on several stages of the drought contingency plan since spring 2011. All stages, with the exception of stage one, call for mandatory rationing with fines for those who did not comply with the restrictions.

Although the City experienced heavy rainfall recently, the entire state is still in a severe drought situation and conservation is still very necessary in League City. "We understand that all residents and businesses have been inconvenienced for the last several months due to water restrictions, however, these restrictions are necessary to maintain our water supply," said Rich Oller, Acting City Manager. "We hope that citizens will continue to be diligent with water conservation, even during this voluntary stage," said Oller.

Tips on water conservation and the entire Drought Contingency Plan can be found at www.leaguecity.com/waterwise.



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