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City of Plano Responds to Citizens – **CHANGES in Stage 2 Drought Restrictions** *Even/Odd Number Address System Implemented for Twice Weekly Watering*

Citizen feedback regarding Stage 2 outdoor watering restrictions has resulted in the Plano City Council adopting a different approach to necessary water conservation measures while continuing to limit outdoor watering to two days per week.

Effective August 19, Plano and other District member cities were tasked by the District to implement Stage 2 water conservation measures aimed at meeting the District's overall 5% reduction in water usage, with limitations placed on outdoor watering.

To balance demands on Plano's water storage system, the city was divided into geographic watering zones. Two days per week for outdoor watering were assigned each zone, one day dedicated to morning watering and one day dedicated to evening watering. Resident input about water zones and complications in sprinkler control programming to meet mandated hours has resulted in a new plan to achieve the 5% consumption reduction.

Effective August 23, 2011, residential irrigation watering is limited to two days per week based on address:

- **Even Number: Monday and Thursday**
- **Odd Number: Tuesday and Friday**
- **Watering is prohibited on any day between 10:00am – 6:00pm. Any other time is acceptable on the assigned watering day.**

Provided there is no water run-off, hand watering, soaker hoses and drip irrigation are not restricted by day or time, enabling property owners with a means to protect their foundation, plant materials and outdoor assets. The refilling of swimming pools is acceptable.

Courtesy warnings will continue to be given to persons observed violating the watering restrictions with increased education utilized to promote the importance of compliance. A telephone hotline provides recorded information at 972-769-4338 as well as online information at www.plano.gov/water.

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