

Galveston County Fresh Water Supply District No. 6

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VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION IN EFFECT

Stage 2 Mandatory Water Conservation Order Rescinded

The Water district thanks Tiki residents for their cooperation with mandatory water conservation over the last month. A significant reduction was made during the peak usage period.

Tiki's water usage is highest during the summer months, in part due to landscape irrigation, but also due to part-time residents and guests during the summer. As we enter the last three months of the year, Tiki's normal water usage drops significantly, typically by over half.

While the exceptional state-wide drought continues, our regional water supplier has assured us of adequate supplies for the remainder of the year. Our share of the reservoir reserves being released is adequate to handle our anticipated needs.

Accordingly, the water district believes it appropriate to discontinue mandatory water rationing and return to voluntary water conservation. We ask that all customers use water smartly, and conserve water whenever possible. Our district's water rates do encourage conservation, in that the more water a customer uses, the higher of a per gallon rate they pay.

Warning for next year: The drought crisis is not over, and NOAA predicts the Texas drought will continue next year. Our regional water supplier has advised that mandatory water restrictions may become necessary early next year, especially as water demand increases in the spring. **You should anticipate the possibility of severe restrictions for outdoor irrigation next year.** You are encouraged to consider drought-resistant landscaping if you do any planting this year. Drip irrigation systems may be a wise investment.

Stage 1 Voluntary Water Conservation Plan:

1. Outdoor lawn and landscape irrigation should be limited to the morning hours **midnight until 10 a.m.** or evening hours **8 p.m. until midnight**, on the designated days:
 - a. **Saturdays and Wednesdays** for water customers with an **odd** number street address.
 - b. **Sundays and Thursdays** for customers with an **even** number street address.
2. Customers are requested to practice water conservation and to minimize or discontinue water use for non-essential purposes.

Residents are asked to take all steps to reduce water usage. For tips on water conservation, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

If you have questions, please contact the water district office, 802 Tiki Drive, 409-935-1486 during regular business hours.