



TC MUD 10 WATER WISE

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DIRECTOR INTRODUCTION - ANDI TASSET, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

My husband, Tim, and I relocated to the Waterford community in September 2015. Throughout my life, I've actively participated in PTA Boards, been involved in my children's Sport Booster Club Boards, and owned and operated my own Interior Faux Painting & Texture Business for over 20 years. Despite becoming "empty nesters," I remained eager to contribute to the community. After serving on the Section 1&2 HOA Board, I was inspired to seek a position on the MUD Board. Our MUD tax bill constitutes the second-largest expense for most residents. Recognizing a growing demand for increased transparency in understanding how taxpayers' money is spent, I embarked on this journey. Over the last three years, I've gained valuable insights, discovering the commitment of previous Board members to ensuring the municipality operates efficiently and prepares for unforeseen circumstances. In response to the community's needs, we've worked collaboratively on transforming the website, making it more user-friendly to ensure easier access to crucial MUD information. As part of our group effort, we introduced a newsletter, fostering improved communication and keeping residents updated on essential matters. Together, we've been proactive in encouraging water conservation methods and educating residents on effective ways to conserve water. Remarkably, we've achieved 100% participation in the IRIS communication initiative in terms of having at least one contact at each home. As 2024 approaches, it will be an election year in May. If you have a desire to serve on the Board, feel free to reach out to any Board member with your questions or interest.



Board of Directors Elections

The next directors election is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024. The District anticipates contracting with Travis County to conduct the election and to use the regular County polling places for the election.

Applications for a place on the ballot may be filed from January 17, 2024, through 5:00 p.m. local time on February 16, 2024. For information about the requirements for filing for candidacy for a position on the Board, please visit the Texas Secretary of State's candidate website, at <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/index.shtml>.

Elecciones de la Junta Directiva

La próxima elección de directores está programada para el sábado 4 de mayo de 2024. El Distrito anticipa celebrar un contrato con el Condado de Travis para la conducción de la elección y para utilizar los lugares de votación regulares del Condado para la elección.

Las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de votación pueden presentarse desde el 17 de enero de 2024 hasta las 5:00 p.m. hora local del 16 de febrero de 2024. Para obtener información acerca de los requisitos para presentar la candidatura para una posición en la Junta, sírvase visitar el sitio web del candidato del Secretario de Estado de Texas en <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/candidates/index.shtml>.

STAGE III WATERING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Central Texas is still experiencing a severe drought and it is important we all do our part to help conserve water. According to the Central Texas Water Coalition, Hurricanes Sergio and Willa created the flood events that filled the highland lakes water supply in 2018. The highland reservoirs are made up of Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis.

The lakes remained full until October 2019. Since then, the lakes have been declining at a rapid rate, with the extensive hot summers of La Nina. As of this writing, the highland lakes are only 42% full, with Lake Travis being only 39% full. Lake Travis is where the MUD draws water to make potable water for the District's customers.

The time is now to conserve!

Conservation Tips Inside the House

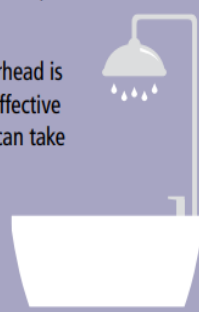
- Check for leaking toilets and repair quickly
- Lower the washing machine water level
- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth
- Wash full loads of dishes

Conservation Tips Outside the House

- Check for irrigation leaks and broken sprinkler heads, and repair quickly
- Plant native, drought resistant plants that do not require a lot of water
- Work with your HOA to add more xeriscaping and less grass to the front and back yards.

Showers

- ◆ A water-efficient showerhead is one of the single most effective water-saving steps you can take inside your home.
- ◆ Take shorter showers. A full bathtub can use up to 70 gallons of water versus a 5-minute shower that uses as little as 10 gallons.



Monthly Watering Allowance	Stage III - SEVERE
Single Family Homes	20,000 GAL
Multiple Family Homes	15,000 GAL
Sections 1 & 2 Common Areas	25,000 GAL
Section 3 Common Areas	15,000 GAL
Section 4 Common Areas	25,000 GAL
Section 6 Common Areas	15,000 GAL
Waterstone Common Areas	75,000 GAL
WATERING SCHEDULE	ONCE PER WEEK

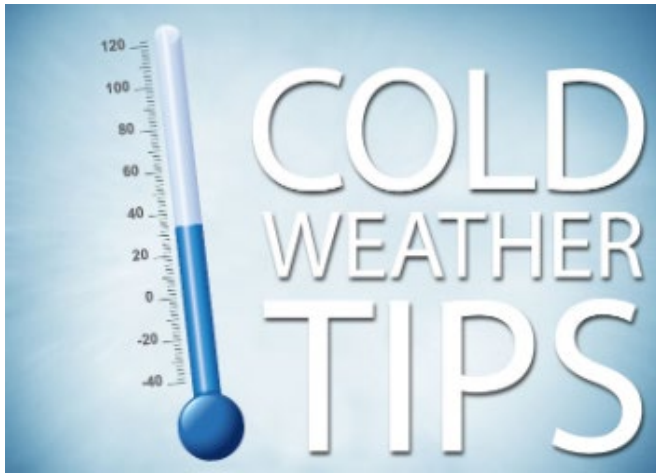
As a reminder, under Stage III, you are only allowed to run your irrigation once per week. In addition, monthly watering allowances are listed in the table to the left. Consumption over the watering allowance will result in premium rates for the amount consumed over the allowance. With the cooler weather ahead, ask yourself if you need to irrigate at all?



Get Leak Alerts-Monitor Your Water Use

Customers in single family homes use electronic water meters and can monitor their hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly water use using the EyeOnWater app. In addition, you can also set alerts to notify you when you use more water than you plan, or if there is a continuous flow which is usually caused by a leak. [Click here](#) for easy directions, or visit the District's website under the "Documents" tab. You can also contact the District office at 512.402.1990 for assistance.

When traveling out of town, it is recommended you turn off your water at the customer shut off valve and drain your pipes. If you choose to leave your water on while you are away, a good neighbor is always the next best option to assist. Nothing spoils a fun vacation like finding out you have a leak at home and no way of turning off your water.



Don't get left out!

When there are important messages such as water outages, boil water notices, road construction, and freeze preparations, the District will send out an IRIS alert.

Currently, we have at least one form of contact for at least one resident within each household in our database. If you would like to add contacts to our database, or if you need to update your contacts, complete the IRIS notification form on the District's website, or by [clicking here](#).

Below is a list of basic items necessary to be prepared for and survive a freeze:

- **Know how to locate your water shut off valve outside your home.**
- **Place a marker near your shut off valve so you can find it later, if under snow.**
- **Have plenty of bottled water.**
- **Gather pitchers or buckets to help carry water for flushing and/or hand washing dishes.**
- **Have non-perishable food and a manual can opener to open cans.**
- **Purchase firewood for real wood fireplaces.**
- **Wrap outdoor pipes; remove garden hoses from faucets.**
- **Turn off irrigation systems.**
- **Turn off auto pool filling systems.**
- **Have a battery or crank operated radio.**
- **Have flashlights and battery-operated lighting.**
- **Have batteries for flashlights and radios.**
- **Charge your cell phones, battery packs for cell phones and purchase a car charger for cell phones.**
- **Have a fire extinguisher.**
- **Gas up all vehicles (gas shortages often occur after a disaster).**
- **Consider a generator, fuel, plenty of outdoor power cords, surge protector and learn how to use the generator well before a disaster.**
- **Have electric space heaters.**
- **Warm clothing.**
- **Blankets.**
- **Toiletries.**
- **First aid kit.**
- **Keep emergency cash on hand.**

For additional tips, <https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather> is another great resource for winter preparations.