



TC MUD 10 WATER WISE

<https://www.tcmud10.com/>

We are all connected by water...and by this newsletter
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Fast Action Helps Save Lives

During a fire, seconds matter. Firefighters must quickly locate and connect hoses to hydrants. If a hydrant is blocked by a parked car, overgrown plants, or other landscaping, it delays water access and allows fire to spread quickly.

Fire hydrants are directly connected to the District's water system, providing high-pressure water. Fire departments emphasize unobstructed hydrant access as a key to being able to fight fires.

Another key in helping fire departments is to identify quickly how much flow a hydrant may have that is close to the fire. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provides a color chart for the caps, or bonnets, of fire hydrants. Each color tells the fire fighters how much flow they have from the hydrant when they hook up their hose. For example, a green cap hydrant tells the fire fighters they will get between 1,000-1,499 gallons per minute from that hydrant.

The District has their fire hydrants flow tested and painted every 3-5 years. The results of the flow testing is then sent to nearest fire station to keep with their records. Fire flow testing is scheduled for this year.



			
Light Blue	Green	Orange	Red
Class AA 1500 GPM or More	Class A 1000-1499 GPM	Class B 500-999 GPM	Class C 499 GPM or Less



Do you know your nearest fire station?

Travis County ESD #1
Station 103
4711 Lohmans Ford Road



District Facilities and Capital Improvements

Old Backwash Piping Through Drain



Recently, the engineers designed and completed a few upgrades at the water treatment plant.

The first upgrade was to re-route the backwash water piping from inside the water treatment plant that previously sent water through a drain and out to the backwash pond, which often flooded the water treatment plant floor. The backwash water in the pond is then used for irrigation.

The new piping now sends the backwash water directly to the pond without using the drain.

[Click HERE](#) to review the District's full 5 year Capital Improvement Plant (CIP).

Upgraded Backwash Piping Directly to Pond



A second upgrade was made to the chemical injection line of the water treatment plant. The original line was old and required repeat maintenance. The crew installed a temporary line as shown to the right and then buried the new line under ground and away from the elements.

In accordance to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), water that comes from the lake needs to be treated with several chemicals to disinfect and produce potable drinking water.

Chemicals are needed to treat lake water for drinking water to remove harmful contaminants such as bacteria, viruses, sediment and more. These contaminants can cause serious illnesses and are often invisible to the naked eye. The treatment process involves several steps including coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection. Coagulation binds together dirt and particles. Flocculation forms larger particles called flocs and sedimentation separates the solids from the water. Filtration removes any remaining particles, and disinfection kills any remaining microorganisms.

These steps ensure the water is safe for human consumption.

Temporary Chemical Line



Newly Upgraded Chemical Line



Spring Planting

If you are looking to create a vibrant, thriving garden this year, choosing the right plants is key.

Austin climate is tough, with hot summers and droughts, but the good news is that there are plenty of plants that not only survive but flourish here. Whether you want colorful flowers, sturdy shrubs, or low maintenance greenery, knowing which plants work best will save you time, money, and more importantly...our water!

There are many online resources available for drought-resistant grasses, plants, and flowers. Below are a few that we recommend.

<https://wildrootsgarden.com/best-plants-for-texas/>

<https://wildrootsgarden.com/best-plants-for-shade-in-texas/>

<https://www.lawnstarter.com/blog/texas/drought-tolerant-plants/>



Another important thing to remember when planting trees, grass, and gardens is the water restrictions. Currently, per its Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), the District allows a **maximum of twice per week** irrigation using automatic systems between the hours of **midnight – 10am and 7pm – midnight**. This restriction may be reduced to once per week irrigation if the combined lake levels continue to worsen. Be sure to think about that when planning your landscape.

Below are the suggested days for irrigation.

Even Addresses - Thursday and/or Sunday

Odd Addresses - Wednesday and/or Saturday

HOAs/POAs - Tuesday and/or Friday

RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

 CANS Aluminum & Steel	 PLASTIC Bottles & Jugs 1, 2 & 5	 NEWSPAPER Clean & Dry
 GLASS Bottles & Jars	 CARDBOARD Dry & Flattened No Food Contact	 CARTONS

WHEN IN DOUBT → THROW IT OUT

NO Plastic Bags	NO Shredded Paper	NO Medical Waste
NO Food/Liquid	NO Clothing	NO Scrap Metal
NO Garden Hoses	NO Diapers	NO Styrofoam

For more information:
WasteConnections.com

Waste Connections collects trash every Monday and recycle items every other Monday. Click on the link below for the schedule or download the Waste Connect mobile app to view the calendar and sign up for alerts and collection delays. **Never block the path for the trucks or they will not be able to pick up trash and/or recycle.** Most trucks now have the automated arms and need room get close to the bins for collection.

[Pickup Schedule WasteConnect Calendar](#)

WASTECONNECT™ MOBILE APP

Never Miss Your COLLECTION DAY Again!

With our new WasteConnect™ Mobile App you can:

- ✓ Sign-up for waste collection Reminders
- ✓ Receive Service Alerts for collection delays
- ✓ Search how to properly dispose of materials

Do not put medical waste, hazardous waste, explosives, flammable liquids, pesticides, or animal carcass in the bin. Do not put any construction materials, dirt, rock, or yard waste in the bin. In addition to the bins provided, you may also place up to six (6) additional 30-33 gallons standard garbage bags of trash or bundles less than 2 cubic yards (6'x3'x3') not to exceed 40 pounds next to the trash bin. Bundles must be wrapped with twine or string in 4-foot sections.

What is the Difference Between a MUD and a POA?

Many residents often wonder what the difference is between a Municipal Utility District (MUD) and a Homeowners or Property Owners Association (HOA/POA).

A **MUD** is a *governmental* entity with a Board of elected residents that exists to provide water, sewer, and sometimes drainage services to the residents of the MUD. In addition, some MUDS also provide irrigation, solid waste services, and recreational facilities. TCMUD10 provides water, sewer, and drainage services, along with contracting trash removal for the District. The MUD has no employees but collaborates with consultants who have specific expertise in the areas of system operations, engineering, law, finance, tax collection, and bookkeeping. Many of our consultants must be licensed by the state and meet certain standards to provide service to a District. By using consultants, the District can reach out into the industry seeking the most qualified help.

An **HOA/POA** is a *non-governmental* organization with a Board of elected homeowners that provides services and amenities to residents such as mowing of common areas and maintenance of recreation areas. It has no taxing power and while adhering to limited rules can only enforce the community rules.

Waterford consists of three (3) POAs within the District; Sections 1 & 2, Section 3, and Sections 4, 5 & 6. The condominiums have a separate HOA. The MUD communicates with each of the associations when there are areas of mutual concern.

For more information about your POA or HOA, see below:

POA Sec 1 & 2B = www.waterfordpoa.com

POA Sec 3 = www.waterfordlaketravis.com

POA Sec 4, 5 & 6 (Not Condos) = Email waterfordpoa@hotmail.com

Waterstone Lake Travis Condos (Sec 5) HOA = Use owner's portal to login; 512-267-6555

Sections 2A, 4B and 5 are still undeveloped however, you will begin to see clearing of these sections soon.

