



TC MUD 10 WATER WISE

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We are all connected by water...and by this newsletter
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Board Director – Don Roche

From Sugar Land, Texas

Don's background includes 39 years of energy industry experience, mainly in the petroleum downstream chemicals arena and more than 30 years with Shell Oil Company. He served as business manager for the solvents business for Shell Chemicals in the Americas and previously, as strategic planning manager for Shell Chemicals.

He also served as president, CRI Catalyst Company, where he managed commercial activities, operational execution, and research direction for four catalyst business units.

Prior to joining TechnipFMC, Don worked for Johnson Matthey where he served as Director with responsibility for the gas processing, refining, and upstream businesses, which included developing growth opportunities for the process and technology division. He joined Technip as the VP of Strategy and Alliances where he was responsible for driving growth and acquisitions. He has been consulting with Advanced technology and Catalyst Innovation Companies since leaving Technip.

He completed an executive MBA condensed program at Rice University and has a Master of Science in electrical engineering, telecommunications management from Southern Methodist University and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University.

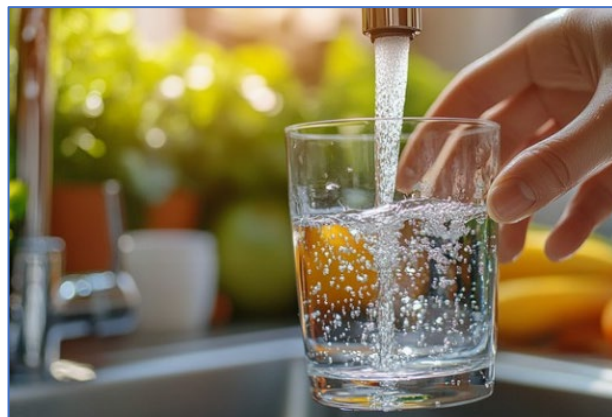


2025 Water Quality Report

We are pleased to share that the District's 2025 Water Quality Report meets all Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water requirements. There were no violations.

The operators continually monitor the water system to ensure drinking water meets or exceeds all regulatory requirements.

You can view the [entire report by clicking here](#).



Saving Water Saves You Money

Did you know eligible customers can receive rebates for water-saving improvements around their home? Through the LCRA WaterSmart program, residents may qualify for rebates on irrigation upgrades, smart controllers, mulch, compost, soil testing, pool covers, and residential rebate funding increased to as much as **\$3,000 per property** for eligible projects. Many water-saving improvements not only reduce outdoor water use but can also lower your monthly utility bill. Learn more about available rebates and eligibility by visiting LCRA's WaterSmart rebate program.



Residential Rebates

SAVE WATER AND MONEY

Outdoor irrigation systems account for more than half of all the water used during hot summer months. Much of this water is wasted due to poorly maintained equipment or incorrectly programmed controllers, which can lead to overwatering. Using too much water wastes resources and creates landscapes more prone to diseases and pests.



The Lower Colorado River Authority's WaterSmart Rebates program can help offset the cost of upgrading irrigation systems, maintaining landscapes and pools, testing soil and converting turf grass.



BECOME WATER EFFICIENT

LCRA and its customers offer evaluations for automatic sprinkler systems and rebates to help upgrade systems with water-efficient devices. Rebates also are available for pool filters and covers, landscape aeration, compost and mulch, soil testing, and turf conversion.

You qualify for WaterSmart rebates as a customer of Travis County MUD No.10 who receives water from the LCRA.

Apply at
www.WaterSmart.org/rebates

Your application must be submitted within 90 days of making the upgrades and include itemized receipts and photos of the upgraded equipment after installation. WaterSmart rebates cover material costs, not labor or tax.

WATERSMART REBATES

LCRA offers rebates for 50% of the cost, up to \$3,000 per residential property, for:

- Up to \$5 per pressure-reducing head or nozzle.
- Up to \$100 for pressure-reducing valves and in-line regulators.
- Up to \$250 for soil moisture sensors.
- Up to \$20 for a rain sensor.
- Up to \$100 for a WaterSense smart controller.
- Up to \$40 for a hose-end timer.
- Up to \$250 for a high-efficiency cartridge pool filter.
- Up to \$50 for a manual or solar ring pool cover, or up to \$200 for a permanent mechanical pool cover.
- Up to \$200 for aeration equipment rental or contractor costs.
- Up to \$1,000 for compost and mulch (No Dillo Dirt™, rock or rubber).
- Up to \$50 for a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension soil test, or 50% of the cost up to \$125 for a Texas Plant and Soil Lab soil test.

A rebate also is available for 50 cents per square foot, up to \$2,000, for converting a minimum of 200 square feet of healthy turf grass to native garden beds or drought-tolerant landscapes (requires preapproval).

When applying for a rebate, [use the LCRA form here](#) and select **Travis County MUD #10 as the water utility provider**

IRRIGATION SYSTEM EVALUATIONS

An irrigation system evaluation will properly assess your sprinkler system's needs, make you aware of any necessary repairs, and could help lower your water use by up to 30%.

LCRA also offers up to \$100 for an irrigation audit

Step 1. Hire a licensed irrigator.

Step 2. Have the irrigator [complete this check list](#) during their audit, and upload the check list and receipt completing [the online application](#).

Step 3. After verifying eligibility, LCRA will mail you a check for up to \$100 for the cost of the audit.



Twice Per Week Irrigation Restrictions

We are fortunate to have the rains fill our lakes this year, however, watering restrictions are still in effect. Per the LCRA rules, customers who buy lake water from the LCRA (whether customer direct or public water system), are required to maintain watering restrictions with a **maximum of twice per week** even in non-drought conditions.

No watering is allowed between 10am-7pm.

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

Conservation Landscaping

Remember, the best time to plant new sod and plants is during the fall (October - November) and spring, (February – April). With the watering restrictions and the summer heat, it is not recommended to install new landscaping between May-September.

Soil

Use a minimum of 6" – 8" soil depth and use healthy native soil. A minimum of 20% compost and less than 20% clay is recommended.

Turf

Choose turf species base on the slope of your lawn. Slopes less than 20%, used blue grama, buffalo grass, zoysia or shortgrass prairie seed mixes. Slopes greater than 20%, use bunch grasses and shortgrass prairie seed mixes. Maintain grass on the highest mower setting (3") to maximize root growth and water retentions.



For planting ideas, visit Wild Thumb, the only native planting app made just for Texas.

Monitor Your Water Use with EyeOnWater

Take control of your water usage with the EyeOnWater app. This free tool allows you to:

- View your daily water usage
- Monitor long-term consumption trends
- Detect continuous flow
- Help conserve water and lower your utility bill



All single-family homes have electronic water meters and can set up their free account online by following [these instructions](#). The condominiums will soon have their mechanical meters replaced with electronic meters. The conversion will begin mid-August and is expected to be completed by the end of October.

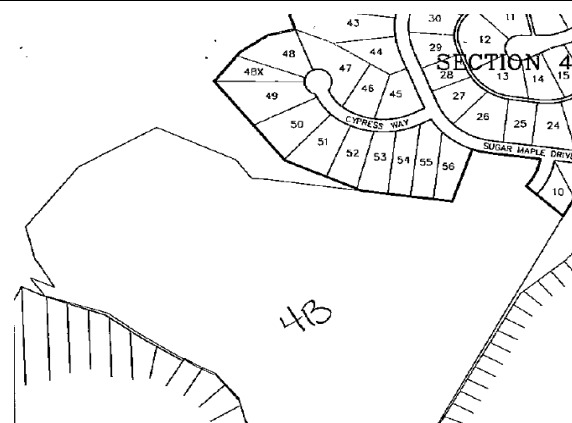
Growth Is Coming to Our District

Some residents are not aware that the District is not fully developed yet. There are three sections left for new home growth.

Section 4B is scheduled for 5 new homes within the next year.

Sections 2A and 5 will also have new construction though we do not have a timeline yet.

As these projects move forward, we remain committed to maintaining reliable water, wastewater, and drainage infrastructure while planning for future growth. We will continue to share updates as construction progresses and new neighborhoods join our community.



Stay on Schedule with the WasteConnect App

Never miss a trash or recycling day again! Residents in single family homes can download the free WasteConnect app to quickly view their personalized collection schedule, receive pick up reminders and stay informed about holiday schedule changes. It is an easy way to keep track of your service and avoid missed collections. Or you can visit Waste Connections Resident Address Lookup [using this link to view the current calendar.](#)





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Calendar



Wizard


Osprey Ridge Loop, Lago Vista

Get a reminder!

Next Event

Monday, August 3, 2026

 Recycling

 Garbage

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
26	27	28	
	 Pickup  Garbage		
2	3	4	
	 Pickup  Recycling  Garbage		
9	10	11	
	 Pickup  Garbage		
16	17	18	
	 Pickup  Recycling  Garbage		

Waste Connections collects trash every Monday and recycle items every other Monday. **Never block the path for the trucks or they will not be able to pick up trash and/or recycle.** Most trucks now have automated arms and need room to get close to the bins for collection.

Reminder! 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.

Reminder: Please Respect District Private Property



To help protect District facilities, equipment, and operations, we remind all customers that **all District property is private property**. Entry onto District property is prohibited unless you have prior authorization or are conducting official District business.

Per the [District's Rate Order](#), unauthorized access or trespassing is not permitted. **Individuals found trespassing may be subject to a penalty of up to \$5,000 per day.**

We appreciate your cooperation in respecting posted signs, gates, fences, and restricted areas. These measures are in place to protect public safety, safeguard critical infrastructure, and ensure reliable service for everyone.



The Future of Water - LCRA

At a recent Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) meeting, several proposed changes to water rates and drought management policies were presented. Below are a few highlights to help keep customers informed of changes that may impact water use in the coming years.

Water Rate Increase to the District

Effective **January 1, 2027**, the wholesale water rate will increase from **\$165 to \$175 per acre-foot (a-f)**.

An **acre-foot** is the amount of water needed to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot. One acre-foot equals **43,560 cubic feet**, or approximately **325,851 gallons** of water.

Watering Restrictions

The biggest proposed change from the LCRA is moving to **once per week** watering schedule in a non-drought environment, effective in 2029. Today, residents may water twice per week in a non-drought environment. Given the impact to customers, we wanted to start communication now so residents can plan ahead.

Additional proposed drought management changes include:

- Whether drip and soaker irrigation will also be part of the same restrictions as in ground automatic sprinkler systems.
- Requiring golf courses to obtain a variance before installing new turf in play areas during Stage 3, with new turf installations prohibited during Stage 4.
- Add new construction growth in Stage 4 as part of LCRA's pro-rata baseline calculation. Under Stage 4, LCRA requires the District to reduce monthly usage by 20%. Fines are issued monthly if water use reduction is not met. By allowing new growth calculations into the monthly baseline numbers, this helps the District with new home construction.

These changes are part of LCRA's ongoing efforts to promote long-term water conservation and ensure a reliable water supply for the region. We will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.

Stay Connected: Your District Information Hub

Did you know the District's website, <https://tcmud10.com/>, has a number of documents and helpful information to help keep you informed? By using the website, you can quickly find answers to common questions.

Sign up for **IRIS Alerts** to receive information about service interruptions, emergencies, and other important announcements that may affect you. **Has Your Contact Information Changed?** You can sign up for alerts to update your contact information by using the link below.

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