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## Residents subject to seasonal watering restrictions

PROSPER (December 5, 2016) Most lawns and landscaping in the local area have now entered their hibernation period, allowing grasses and shrubs to take advantage of the dormant cycle to strengthen and deepen their root systems.

“This is something that happens every fall and winter,” says Prosper’s Water Conservation Education Coordinator Tristan Cisco. “Plants, shrubs, landscaping and grasses enter a state of reduced water usage during the winter months, where the plants focus resources on strengthening their roots.”

The annual dormant period is the reason cities and towns enter into a more restrictive schedule for watering with automatic sprinklers. Even though grasses continue to need water during this period, the natural pattern of winter precipitation such as rain, snow and sleet is usually enough to fulfill the need.

“Prosper, like most communities in the area, will go into seasonal water conservation measures from now until early spring of next year,” she said. “For our residents, that means watering with automatic sprinklers is allowed only once a week.”

Seasonal restrictions are already in place and will remain in place until March 31, 2017.

For those residents who choose to use their sprinkler systems during this period, they must follow the once-a-week schedule, using their sprinkler system only on their designated day. Watering schedules are available at <http://www.prospertx.gov/wp-content/uploads/Watering-Map.pdf>.

“Nevertheless, we are still urging customers to use the manual feature on the irrigation controller. Using the manual on-off feature gives the homeowner additional flexibility on whether or not to water,” said Cisco.

If the automatic sprinkler system controller is left on and programmed, homeowners should ensure that the system is working properly to avoid watering during rain events, during freezes or on non-authorized days.

More information and watering advice can be found on [www.watermyyard.org](http://www.watermyyard.org) or on the Public Works pages of [www.prospertx.gov](http://www.prospertx.gov).

Additional information on plant selection and advice on landscaping choices is provided free by the Collin County Master Gardeners at <http://www.ccmgatx.org/>.

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**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 17,800 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper’s vision is to remain a “Place Where Everyone Matters.”