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Water restrictions in Prosper to be lifted on May 1

Town set to resume twice-a-week watering, when necessary

PROSPER (April 10, 2015) The Town's water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District, is preparing to lift all restrictions on outdoor watering, and return to a more relaxed twice-per-week schedule, beginning May 1, says Frank Jaromin, PE, Prosper's Public Works Director.

"The levels of the lakes and reservoirs they utilize have been helped immensely by the recent rains and runoff," he said. "Just as importantly, though, the conservation measures that have been in place for the last three years in Prosper and elsewhere have paid off."

Starting on May 1, the Stage 3 Seasonal restrictions that have limited watering to twice a month are being lifted, and watering with automatic sprinkler system may occur up to twice a week, if necessary.

"However, this does automatically mean that everyone should begin twice-a-week watering on May 1," added Jaromin. "What it means is that, when necessary to maintain a healthy lawn, watering with automatic sprinklers may be utilized up to twice a week."

Most lawns and landscaping do not necessarily require constant watering. To promote deep root growth, lawns and landscaping need only be watered to a depth of about an inch a week. Depending on the size of the lawn, that can usually be accomplished with one soaking a week.

"To determine the amount of watering required to obtain one inch of soaking, people can place a container in their yard," he said. "After one watering session, they can measure the water in the container. Then, depending on how much water is in the container, they will know how to adjust their watering schedule."

Another very reliable method of determining when and how much to water can be obtained by visiting www.watermyyard.org and entering some basic information. The Water My Yard program provides users with information useful in determining watering requirements.

"Water conservation should still be everyone's priority," he added. "Repairing and readjusting sprinkler heads, repairing leaks, replacing toilets with low flow types and ensuring compliance with schedules, are all still very necessary. We can't recover wasted water."

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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 15,000 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."