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Prosper residents move to weekly automatic watering *Watering with sprinklers on manual settings urged*

PROSPER (November 23, 2015) Fall in Prosper may not mean much in the way of leaves changing colors, but it does mean that lawns require little to no watering, says Tristan Cisco, Water Conservation Education Coordinator.

“Grasses in the area go dormant for the most part,” she said. “During their dormant stage, starting in the fall and lasting into spring, lawns don’t need much watering beyond that which is provided naturally through rain and winter precipitation.”

From now until March 31, Prosper water customers may use their automatic sprinkler no more than once a week, on their designated day.

For Zone 1, roughly between Hwy 380 and First St., the designated day is Monday. For Zone 2, between First St. and Prosper Trail, the designated day is Wednesday, and for Zone 3, between Prosper Trail and Frontier Parkway, the designated day is Friday. Maps and designated days are available at <http://www.prospertx.gov/government/departments/water-conservation/>.

At the same time, residents are urged to use the manual feature on their irrigation controller. Using the manual feature gives the homeowner additional flexibility on when to water.

“Homeowners with automatic sprinkler systems should consider turning off the timing controller and watering manually, and then, only when necessary,” she said. If the automatic sprinkler system controller is left on and programmed, homeowners should ensure that the system’s rain sensor is working properly so as to avoid watering during rain events.

“And, when temperatures are to fall below freezing, sprinkler systems scheduled for watering must be turned off,” added Cisco. “Running the sprinkler systems manually is the best policy. That way there is no need to worry about rain or freezing temperatures.”

In addition, many controllers are affected by power outages, erasing programming schedules and returning to factory settings. When this occurs, the watering schedule will likely be in violation of current restrictions. Consulting the manufacturer or a qualified technician can alleviate any confusion on the controller’s procedures. But, in all cases, it’s preferable to run the system manually.

“A brown lawn during the winter months is not cause for alarm or for any over-seeding with winter grasses,” she added. “Once the weather turns in the spring, a healthy lawn will emerge and return to its previous state.”

More information can be found on www.watermyyard.org or on the Water Conservation page of www.prospertx.gov.

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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.”