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Once-a-Week Watering Allowed Through October

Wylie, TX, Aug. 29, 2014 – Effective Sept. 1, watering with sprinkler or irrigation systems is now allowed once a week on trash day through the month of October. Drought conditions still exist; however, North Texas Municipal Water District has recommended that cities ease watering restrictions in order to maintain water quality.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requires that water providers, such as the City of Wylie, keep a minimum level of chlorine, a disinfectant, in water to prevent bacterial growth. During the heat of the summer, treated water and storage tank temperatures rise, causing the disinfectant levels to drop much faster than in the winter months. Normally, this is not an issue because cities move more water through their systems in summer months before disinfectant levels drop significantly.

This summer, however, NTMWD customers have reduced their water usage so well that it has been more difficult to maintain proper levels of chlorine. The new once-weekly schedule will increase the water use and move the amount of water needed to maintain the chlorine levels.

“While water quality remains the top priority, water conservation and the wise use of water is still critical to maintain our current available supplies until the drought eases,” said Denise Hickey with NTMWD.

For more information, visit WylieTexas.gov/Drought or <https://ntmwd.com/>. To receive a recommendation for how much supplemental water is actually needed to keep lawns healthy, based on weather conditions, sign up at www.WaterMyYard.org.