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NTMWD Reminder: Minimal Outdoor Watering Needed November through March

As lawns go dormant, little to no watering is required during cool weather months

(Wylie, Texas - October 29, 2015) Officials with the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) remind consumers that lawns in North Texas require very little to no supplemental watering during the fall and winter months, according to experts from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife) in Dallas.

"Usually in September of each year, lawns begin to go dormant," said Dotty Woodson, extension program specialist at AgriLife. "During the fall and into the winter, lawns receive enough water naturally and do not require the use of automatic sprinkler systems."

To maintain reservoir levels for next year's water needs, NTMWD recommends consumers turn off irrigation systems and operate on manual mode and only as needed from November through March.

"Our Member Cities and Customers recognize the impact lawn irrigation has on our region's total water consumption and reservoir levels," said Tom Kula, Executive Director of NTMWD. "Lower water use in fall and winter helps save supplies for next year's needs and allows us to perform critical maintenance on our systems while demands are lower."

A number of tools are available to help consumers know how much watering lawns need, including weather-based recommendations such as: www.WaterMyYard.org, the City of Frisco's WaterWise program, or the AgriLife ET Network (www.texaset.tamu.edu).

Check with your city or water provider for specific guidelines and restrictions that are in effect in your service area. More information and tips on water conservation can be found at www.WaterMyYard.org and www.WaterIQ.org.

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