

PARK CITIES MUD INITIATES STAGE 1 OF DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Dallas County Park Cities Municipal Utilities District has initiated Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan, and the communities of Highland Park and University Park have too. Along with the City of Dallas and other area water providers, this action was taken in response to the on-going drought. While the District still has adequate water supply in Grapevine Lake, it is striving to protect this supply for the long term. Accordingly, the Town of Highland Park and the City of University Park have adopted permanent ordinances requiring their citizens to reduce their outdoor watering to no more than twice a week. These ordinances also require no watering during the summer months between the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., when losses to evaporation are the highest. Handheld watering with a can, hose or soaker hose is permitted at all times.

Activation of the District's new membrane filter facility

The District began construction of its \$33 million project to upgrade its existing treatment facilities and add the latest treatment technology – membrane ultra filtration in 2010. The ribbon cutting for the completion of this project took place May 10, 2013. The project was completed on schedule and came in under budget. Once the enhancements were put into service, the District has been providing the Park Cities with some of the best water in the nation.

Water conservation urged throughout the winter

During this severe drought the Park Cities have been fortunate that their water supply, while diminished, is still in good shape. The District's raw water supply source is Grapevine Lake which is 10.5 feet low as of March 2015. If spring rains aren't sufficient, the City and Town may have to implement drought contingency plans this summer which could include more stringent restrictions on outdoor watering. That means that any conservation measures residents take now will benefit our communities in the future. During the winter months, the District suggests watering outdoor lawns and landscapes only when needed. Since plants and grass are dormant in winter, they require less water than during the spring and summer. A deep watering once a week should be sufficient and will help protect our water supply for later in the year.

About your H2O, did you know?

Park Cities MUD was established in 1938.

Serves Highland Park and University Park who have 14,798 connections and population of 32,030.

Raw water is delivered from Grapevine Reservoir.

276 Samples are tested each day to sustain quality of taste, odor and purity, 7,150 tests for water quality are done each month.

Visit www.parkcitieswater.com for additional water conservation hints and further information on

the [Park Cities water supply](#) and filtration system. For questions regarding your water service, please contact the City of University Park Public Utilities office, 214-363-1644.

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