



# BELTERRA

## NEWSLETTER

FIRST  
WINTER  
AVERAGING  
BILL IS HERE!



VOLUME  
FOUR



WATERING  
RESTRICTIONS  
UPDATE

STAGE 3

HELPFUL  
TIP:  
TREE GATORS  
DELIVER A HIGH VOLUME  
OF WATER DIRECTLY TO  
THE ROOT SYSTEM WITH  
NO RUN-OFF OR  
EVAPORATION.



STAGE  
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# DROUGHT CONTINGENCY UPDATE



## WHAT HAPPENS IF I CONTINUE TO WATER?

A MINIMUM OF \$200.00 FINE WILL  
BE ASSESSED TO YOUR ACCOUNT  
PER INFRACTION.

TO VIEW A PRINTER  
FRIENDLY VERSION  
OF YOUR MAP AND  
RESTRICTIONS...

HAYS 1

CLICK HERE



HAYS 2

CLICK HERE



**PLEASE BE  
ADVISED**

**Stage 3 is in effect.**  
*How is it different than stage 2?*

**NO WARNINGS WILL BE  
GIVEN.**

WCID 1 & 2 Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan Customer Reference				
Topic	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Water Shortage Type	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Emergency
Designated Watering Days	Twice per week on designated days.	Twice per week on designated days.	Once per week on designated days.	Prohibited.
Designated Watering Hours	Between midnight to 10 am and 7 pm to midnight on designated watering days.	Between midnight and 6 am on designated watering days.	Between midnight and 6 am on designated watering days.	None.
Use of hand-held hoses or faucet-filled buckets or watering cans.	No prohibition.	On designated watering days with no designated watering hours.	May be used during designated watering days and hours.	Prohibited.
New Landscapes	Follow mandatory watering schedule. May request a variance.	Follow mandatory watering schedule. No variances will be approved.	No new landscapes may be installed. No variances will be approved.	Prohibited.
Vehicle Washing	May wash vehicles during designated days and hours.	Prohibited.	Prohibited.	Prohibited.
Pools	No probation.	Replenishing is permitted. Filling of all new and existing pools is prohibited. A variance may be granted on a case-by-case basis.	Filling of all new and existing pools is prohibited. A variance may be granted on a case-by-case basis.	To be determined.
Outdoor Water Features	No prohibition.	Prohibited.	Prohibited.	Prohibited.
Activities and Events	Permitted if water being used is put to beneficial use (e.g., watering landscape) or drains into a re-circulating device.	Prohibited.	Prohibited.	Prohibited.

This is quick reference guide prepared to assist our customers in achieving compliance with some of the fundamental requirements of our adopted Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan ("WCDCP"). This guide is not intended as a substitute for the WCDCP, which must comply with specific requirements promulgated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and contractual requirements imposed by our water suppliers. We recommend that customers review the WCDCP to confirm all requirements. A copy of the WCDCP can be found on the Districts' website.

Contact WCID staff at [help@hayswcid.org](mailto:help@hayswcid.org) or 512-686-1660 or visit our office at the Belterra Community Centre,  
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## The region's severe drought continues.

Lakes Buchanan and Travis, the two water supply reservoirs in the Highland Lakes, are stressed by the current drought.

Per LCRA, **once per week watering** schedules are triggered anytime the combined storage of lakes Buchanan and Travis is below 900,000 acre-feet, or about 45% of capacity.

**Storage When Full - 1,995,432**

**February 26, 2024 - 846,195 acre-feet**

## Conservation is essential to protect and extend water supplies.

According to the EPA, outdoor watering can account for up to 70% of home water use during the hot summer season.

**Effective March 1, 2024**

Once per week watering on designated day and time.

[WCID 1 Watering Schedule](#)

[WCID 2 Watering Schedule](#)

\*Failure to adopt, implement, and enforce the LCRA watering restrictions subjects WCID 1 & 2 to daily LCRA penalties of thousands of dollars per day.



Questions? [Help@HaysWCID.org](mailto:Help@HaysWCID.org)



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Small changes can mean **BIG** results.

## Fix Leaks!

- A leaky toilet could waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. That would be like flushing your toilet more than 50 times!
- Underground irrigation leaks can go unnoticed.
- Did you know Eye on Water has leak detection capabilities?



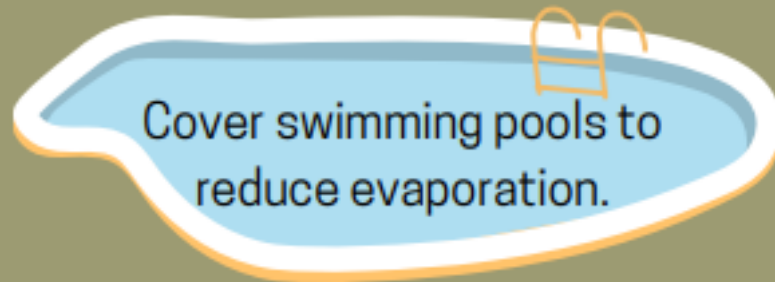
EyeOnWater®

Add mulch to landscape beds and compost to turf areas to keep plants healthy and prevent water loss through evaporation.



## Watering before sunrise

- Minimizes water lost to evaporation
- More water is absorbed



Check for runoff or ponding when irrigation runs. Divide runtime into shorter cycles to apply, allow time to soak-in, and apply again. Some irrigation controllers have a specific feature for cycle and soak.



Turning off the tap while you brush teeth can save 2-3 gallons of water per day!

**That's 60-90 gallons per person per month!**

A family of 4 could save 240-360 gallons a month.

**Look for more ways to turn off the tap!**

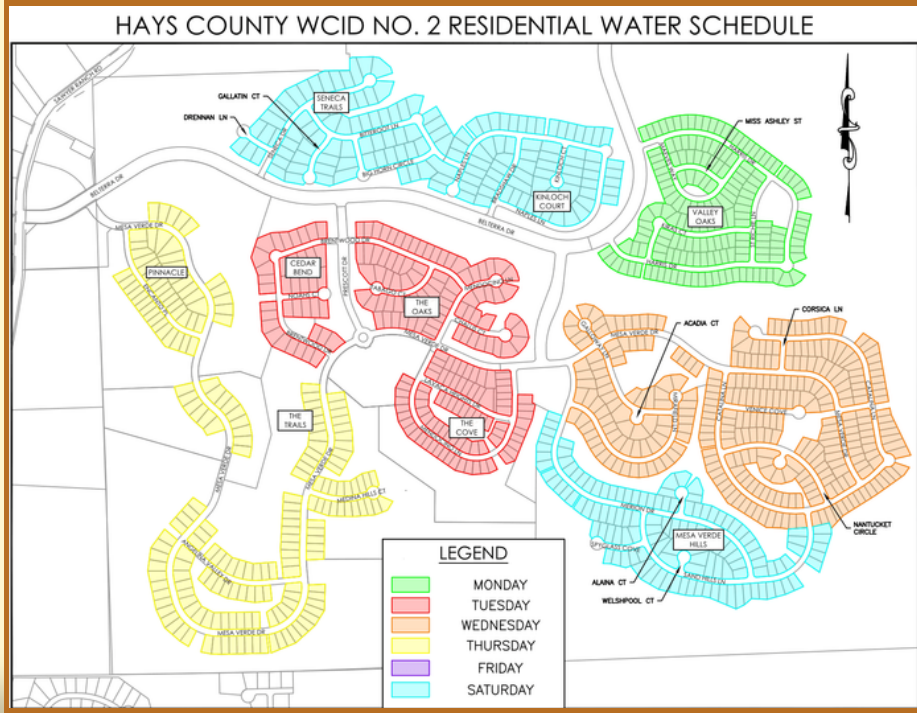
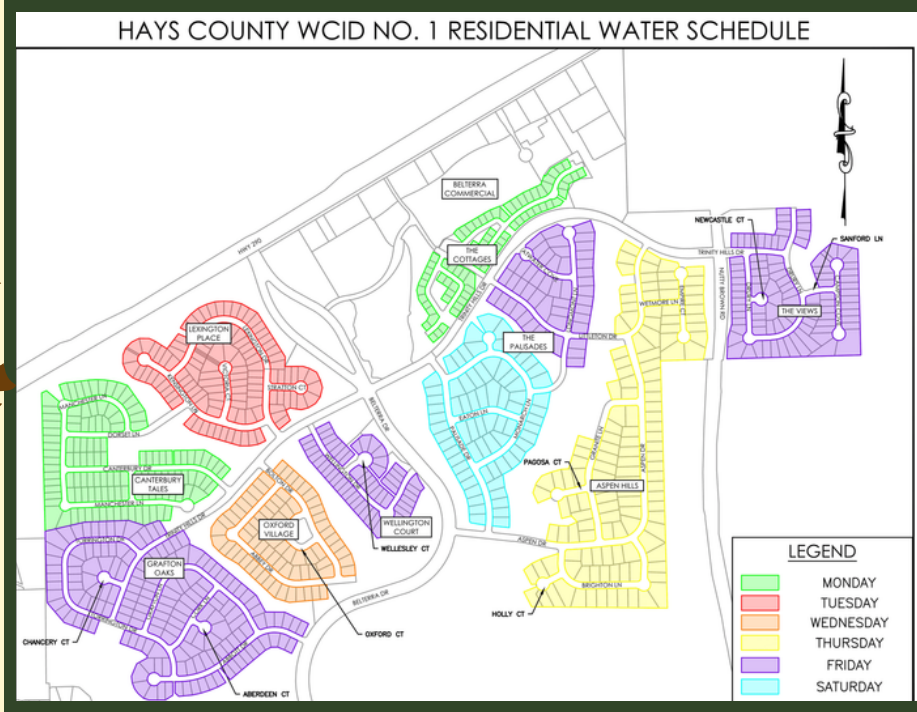
# STAGE 3 IN EFFECT



## WHAT IS A TREE GATOR?

WELL, ITS NOT A GIANT REPTILE RESTING IN THE SUN!

TREEGATOR IS A SLOW-RELEASE WATERING BAG FOR NEWLY PLANTED OR ESTABLISHED TREES. THE BAG DELIVERS A HIGH VOLUME OF WATER DIRECTLY TO THE ROOT SYSTEM WITH NO RUN-OFF OR EVAPORATION, HELPING TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF DROUGHT AND TRANSPLANT SHOCK.



## BENEFITS



### SAVE TIME

Treegator Slow Release Watering Bags can be installed in just minutes with no tools required, and most new plantings require a watering schedule of one refill every 5 to 7 days.



### SAVE WATER

Treegator Slow Release Watering Bags continuously water a planting over an average time period of 5 to 9 hours, preventing water loss due to run-off or evaporation.



### SAVE TREES

Treegator Slow Release Watering Bags deliver water deep below the soil surface, encouraging strong root growth, helping to reduce the effects of transplant & drought shock.



### SAVE MONEY

Compared to conventional watering methods, Treegator Slow Release Watering Bags can save money by eliminating tree replacement and reducing labor costs.

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# AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



## **ATTENTION RESIDENTS**

***Please stay off the Live Oak and Mockingbird nature trails when they are muddy.***



## **PET OWNERS:**



FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, BELTERRA IS A LEASHED COMMUNITY. PLEASE RESPECT THE SIGNS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. ALSO, PLEASE PICKUP AFTER YOUR DOGS.

## **WINTER AVERAGING**

THE FIRST BILL TO REFLECT YOUR WINTER AVERAGES IS HERE!



## **ROCKY THE ROCK SNAKE!**

**HAS A FRIEND!**

WHICH SNAKE CAN GROW LONGER BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING!



## **NEED TO REPORT AN AREA ?**

- TAKE A PHOTO OF THE AREA OF CONCERN
- EMAIL THE PHOTO TO [HELP@HAYSWCID.ORG](mailto:HELP@HAYSWCID.ORG)
- IN THE SUBJECT LINE WRITE: "REPORTING AN ISSUE"
- IN THE BODY: LIST THE NEAREST CROSS STREETS OF YOUR PHOTO WITH BEST CONTACT INFORMATION.



## **MOTORIZED VEHICLES**



**NO UNAUTHORIZED MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON THE GREEN BELT AREAS OR ANY OF THE WCID PROPERTIES.**

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# ELECTION DAY



## YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE 2024

Notice for voting in a general primary election for the **DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN PARTIES** Nominate Federal officers, members of the state legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct officers, and for the purpose of electing county and precinct chairs.

**MARCH 5, 2024**

**CAST YOUR  
VOTE AT**

151 TRINITY HILLS DRIVE  
AUSTIN, TX 78737

**7:00AM - 7:00PM**

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# Spring Cleaning Pickup!



**Wednesday, March 27th  
&**

**Wednesday, April 3rd**

**Please have trash on the curb by Monday.**

**Unlimited bundles of brush and craft paper  
bags of yard waste (leaves, grass, etc.)!**



**TDS REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET TO BE PICKED UP. THE REQUIREMENTS ARE: ALL BRUSH AND LIMBS MUST BE BUNDLED OR BAGGED, EACH BUNDLE MUST BE TIED TOGETHER WITH SOME SORT OF TWINE, ROPE, ETC. BUNDLES SHOULD BE TIED AND WEIGH NO MORE THAN 40 POUNDS AND MEASURE NO LONGER THAN 4 FEET IN LENGTH. DEPENDING ON THE WASTE VOLUME, IT MAY TAKE MORE THAN ONE DAY TO GET THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD SO PLEASE BE PATIENT AS THEY WORK THEIR WAY TO YOUR HOUSE.**