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## **Drought Contingency Plan moved to Phase 1**

THE COLONY, Texas — The City of The Colony participates in a regional water conservation alliance, which has been established to protect our natural resources during drought periods and ensure adequate water supplies are available for residents.

Most of The Colony's water is either produced inside the city limits or purchased from Dallas Water Utilities (DWU). The DWU recently reported a 10-percent improvement in water supplies due to higher than normal precipitation levels the first three months of 2015, as well as reductions of water usage through time-of-day watering restrictions observed by its customers.

In response to these conditions, the City of The Colony has downgraded its Drought Contingency Plan to Phase 1, which includes the following guidelines:

- recommended twice weekly watering on a schedule determined by the last digit of your street address. Even numbers (or no number) may water on Sundays and Thursdays; odd numbers on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Hand watering or soaker hoses are permitted any day;
- no time-of-day restrictions, although residents are still encouraged not to water between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and,
- no restrictions to home car washing, hosing down hard surfaces, or filling swimming pools.

Residents are still encouraged to observe the following water-wise tips year-round:

- do not waste water by allowing runoff onto a street or other drainage area;
- maintain sprinkler systems – no broken, missing, or misdirected sprinkler heads; do not allow sprinklers to water driveways, sidewalks, or streets; install rain and freeze sensors; and,
- do not water during any form of precipitation.

Water for residents in the Austin Ranch portion of The Colony is purchased from the City of Plano and is subject to the Drought Contingency Plan in place from its providers, which remains at Phase 3. For information, visit the City of Plano's [water conservation website](#).

For more information, see the city's [Drought Contingency Plan online](#) or call Water Production Supervisor Jimmy Arthur at 972-624-4431.

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