

EMERGENCY STAGE DROUGHT



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Dear Neighbors,

As you may have surmised from the header on this page, we have a very real problem. Our entire County and most of our State are encountering a historic drought. In August, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (“HTGCD,” <http://www.haysgroundwater.com/>) declared an Emergency Stage Drought. An Emergency Stage Drought is the most critical of the five drought stages identified by the District. On September 1, Governor Perry also renewed and upgraded a statewide disaster proclamation due to the severe drought and associated fire hazards. In Hays County, this drought is coupled with unprecedented population expansion and a heavy reliance on groundwater for both public and private water supply systems. The water levels in our own wells and the wells monitored by HTGCD in western Hays County are rapidly dropping and will continue to do so without a break in this drought. Unfortunately, most climatology experts do not anticipate any changes to the current rainfall deficit in the near future. Without several large rainfall events, no meaningful recharge to our local aquifers is anticipated any time soon and the supply of available groundwater will continue to decline. In a worst case scenario, we could find ourselves in a situation where we would need to supplement our well water with trucked in supplies to meet even the essential needs of the neighborhood.

Goldenwood West Water Supply Corporation (“GWWSC”) recognizes the efforts made by all of our Members to conserve water and greatly appreciates the extraordinary efforts made by many of our Members and the Property Owners’ Association (POA) to conserve water. Our next GWWSC Board Meeting is on September 12th. The Drought Contingency Plan is the priority item on the agenda. At that meeting, the Drought/Emergency Management Committee (which includes myself, Board President David Crouchet, PGMS Manager Patrick King, and two volunteer GWWSC Members who are not voting Board Members) will provide additional water conservation recommendations for the Board’s consideration and approval. Please join us on September 12th and give us the benefit of your ideas, concerns and recommendations. As a community, we can find a way to meet this challenge.

The Drought/Emergency Management Committee is compiling a more detailed summary of available information regarding the drought in general, the drought impacts and response actions in western Hays County, GWWSC-specific data that is reviewed by the Committee and that informs our recommendations regarding water conservation, and the specific restrictions that are currently being contemplated by the Committee. Please look for this summary and details regarding the September 12th meeting at the mail kiosk and also via the POA’s email distribution list. If you are not on the POA email distribution list and wish to be added, please send an email to administrator@goldenwoodwestpoa.org. In the meantime, if you have specific questions about the

drought and GWWSC's actions in response to the drought, please contact me at pjohnson46@austin.rr.com. If you are not and do not wish to be included on the POA email list, but would like to have drought and water use restriction information forwarded to you via email, please send me your email address.

While we continue to work through the best methods to maximize our neighborhood's water conservation potential and insure the continued viability of our groundwater supply, the Drought/Emergency Management Committee has collectively agreed that a less frequent watering schedule is an appropriate step in the right direction. Therefore, effective 72 hours after receipt of this notice, we are asking all GWWSC Members to comply with a **once weekly watering schedule** as follows:

Watering Day	Addresses Ending In:
Monday	0 and 5
Tuesday	1 and 6
Wednesday	2 and 7
Thursday	3 and 8
Friday	4 and 9

Watering hours are from 6:00 am – 9:00 am and 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm for **all** outdoor watering activities for which system water is used. Members are encouraged to implement this schedule immediately rather than wait for the 72-hour notice period to expire.

Furthermore, the following **mandatory water conservation measures**, provided via email on June 25, 2011 and included with your July water bills, remain in place:

- The use of groundwater for washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas streets, tennis courts or other paved impermeable surfaces, except to alleviate health or fire hazards, is prohibited.
- Washing of vehicles limited to once a month with bucket or hand-held hose with automatic nozzle shut-off.
- Check and fix leaks.
- Comply with watering schedule.
- No washing driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- No non-essential use, i.e., decorative fountains.

I'm sure that you are all following the news reports about the wildfires in our area, just as I am. My heart goes out to those who have been evacuated and may have lost their homes and possessions. I am continually grateful to the firefighters in our area, including our own Driftwood Volunteer Fire Department. Please keep all of these folks in your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Polly Mayfield Johnson, P.E.
GWWSC Drought/Emergency Management Committee Chair

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