



# District News

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## North Texas Faces Continuing Drought Conditions

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Meetings of the Board of Directors are normally held the third Tuesday of each month at the District office and begin at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are also available for download on the District website at [www.tcmud.org](http://www.tcmud.org).

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Despite the recent rainfall, our area continues to face severe drought conditions. Lower than normal precipitation and higher than normal temperatures since 2011 have added up to a multi-year drought and ongoing strain on our water resources. Lake levels have recovered a bit, but are still at just 81% of capacity, according to the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD). You can view current water levels and more information at [www.savetarrantwater.com](http://www.savetarrantwater.com)

To help conserve water in the winter months, limit outdoor watering to once every other week —and only if it hasn't rained.

As spring approaches and you start to work in the yard, consider these water-saving tips:

- Conduct a thorough check of your sprinklers or have an irrigation company come out to perform this service. Look for broken sprinkler heads or water spraying over pavement instead of your yard.
- Measure the amount of water delivered using empty tuna cans placed around your yard. Determine the amount of time needed to put down one inch of water.
- If you must water outdoors, program your system to cycle and soak. Run each station for a short amount of time, then run each station again after the water has had

a chance to soak in. This will reduce the amount of runoff and let your lawn drink up the water you've purchased.

- Consider using drought-resistant plants in your yard to reduce the need for water.

The Trophy Club Municipal Utility District No. 1 currently has the following restrictions in place:

- All outdoor watering is prohibited on Mondays. This includes landscape irrigation, vehicle washing, filling of swimming pools, etc.
- Outdoor watering with hose-end sprinklers and automatic irrigation systems is prohibited between the

hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily.

- Outdoor watering with a hand-held hose, soaker hose, and drip irrigation system is permitted at any time, except on Mondays.
- Voluntary water conservation is encouraged.
- Violations of mandatory restrictions are subject to penalties.

Visit our website at [www.tcmud.org](http://www.tcmud.org) for updates on the drought situation, current water restrictions, conservation tips, district news and much more!



## Online Payment Options

Did you know that you can pay your utility bill online through our website at [www.tcmud.org](http://www.tcmud.org)? Click "Pay Online" and use the account number and PIN from your bill to log in to your account. You can make a one time payment with your credit or debit card or add your email address in "Register for Additional Services." You will then see options for receiving your bill by email, recurring credit/debit card payments, and/or bank draft payments. These services are available at no extra cost, and payments made through the District website are posted immediately.



Some customers pay their bill online through their personal bank. Customers should be aware that the District is unable to accept electronic transfers directly from banks. This means the customer's bank must prepare and mail a physical check. These payments are posted the day that the US Postal Service delivers them to our office. If the mail is delayed and the payment arrives after the due date, it is still considered late and a penalty is applied. If you choose to pay through your bank instead of using the District website, please allow plenty of time for delivery!

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## Trophy Club MUD No. 1 Land Purchase

Trophy Club Municipal Utility District No. 1 recently purchased almost four acres of land in Trophy Club. The property is adjacent to the existing wastewater treatment plant at the far north end of Indian Creek Drive. The land purchase leads the way for expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. The District is currently conducting a preliminary engineering study to identify the most economical and efficient treatment methods to serve current and future customers. Once identified, the District will seek approval from the state regulatory agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and then immediately begin final design and construction.

The District is working to expand the plant to improve operations to meet new and lower discharge limits and to ensure available capacity to meet the rapid growth. Over the past four years Trophy Club has experienced tremendous growth, issuing an average of 241 new single family residential building permits per year. Trophy Club Municipal Utility District No. 1 provides water, wastewater, and fire services to the entire Town of Trophy Club and to the Solana area in Westlake.

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## Water Meter Upgrades

Over the past several years the District has been upgrading water meters by replacing the aged, manual-read water meter heads in Trophy Club with new automatic reading devices. After crews finish installing the last group of meter heads this year, all single-family homes in town will have new, more efficient meter heads. The next phase of the project will include multi-family and commercial properties. The upgraded automated meter reading (AMR) devices allow remote reading of water meters for greater accuracy, faster data collection, and lower labor costs. The devices can also capture customer water usage data by day and hour and produce a report. These reports are helpful to customers who are concerned about high consumption or possible leaks. Customers should contact the Utility Billing office at 682-831-4670 or 682-831-4682 to request a report. A \$25 fee will apply for this service.

