



CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

WATER WISE CONSERVATION UPDATE SEE PAGE 2

AUGUST
2024



COUNCIL & STAFF FACILITIES TOUR

From left: Leisa Price (Building Official), Mike Shook (Assistant Director of Public Works), Council member Sharon Caldwell, Richard Dormier (City Engineer), Mayor Jeremiah McClure, Council member Scott Dodson (back), Aaron Adel (Assistant City Manager), Council member Ryan Moorman and Bryan Creed (Director of Public Works).

FY 2024-2025 BUDGET PROCESS UNDERWAY

Members of City Council and staff toured assets and projects before launching the FY 2024-2025 budget preparation process with a workshop on June 21.

“We have much to do, but this tour and workshop were a great step in the budget process,” said Mayor Jeremiah McClure.

“We continue to look at the growing capital expense needs for our City, and infrastructure is number one on the list. We encourage citizens to provide input as we continue refining this budget and plan for the future.”

Upcoming meeting and public hearing agendas, packets and recordings are posted at heathtx.com. Follow the progress and please give your input.

STORM DEBRIS – 07/10/24

Waste Collections reports that it is close to completing the storm debris pickup throughout the City. If your property has been missed, contact the City at 972-771-6228. The 50% subsidy of fees for amounts over 3 cubic yards will continue to apply until Waste Connections has completed the storm-related work.

CITIZEN & CONTRACTOR COMMUNICATION PORTALS:

The City’s citizen and contractor portals are now easier to access from the front page of the City website. You can use the portal to report a code or watering violation, apply for a permit and submit requests for information.

Projects Requiring City Permits include:

- Fences
- Storage Sheds over 120 square feet
- Retaining Walls 2 feet or higher
- Swimming Pools/Irrigation Systems
- Interior Remodels/Additions
- Outdoor Kitchens/Fireplaces
- Septic System Replacements/Repairs
- Cabanas/Guest Houses
- Sea Wall Repairs/Replacements/Boat Houses
- Roofing/Window Replacements
- Foundation Repair
- Plumbing, Electrical or Mechanical Work

If you have questions:

Contact Community Development at 972-961-4883.



CITY CUSTOMERS URGED TO **CONSERVE WATER** AS LEADERS WORK TO SECURE FUTURE SUPPLIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Please monitor the City's website, Facebook, Instagram and X accounts for updates. Notices of stage changes will also be sent via the City's utility billing notification system.

City staff and council members continue their work to secure additional water supplies for the future as well as the necessary infrastructure to deliver water.

This is an investment that will take significant time and funding to meet the water needs of a growing population projected to be 21,000 residents at build out.

Additionally, the City adopted new ordinances that encourage conservation through the type of irrigation systems required for new construction and the plant and landscape materials suggested.

Citizens are urged to support these long-term efforts now by following the current watering restrictions and programming irrigation systems appropriately. Find programming instructions with a Google search using your brand's name.

Please See page 4 for Stage 1 and Stage 2 watering schedule maps.

The schedules were changed in early June to follow trash/recycling schedules to help make it easier to remember the watering days and provide for more efficient monitoring by staff. No watering on Sundays allows the tanks to refill.

According to local landscape experts, "watering deeply and infrequently promotes deep root growth and drought tolerance. Most grasses require about 1-2 inches of water per week, which can be achieved through 1-2 watering sessions." Foundations, trees, shrubs and landscaped beds can be watered any day by hand, except between the hours of 10 am. and 6 p.m.

Following are additional facts to help address frequently asked questions on social media and of staff by phone or email:

- The City is allotted 6 million gallons of water per day from the City of Rockwall. This water comes from Lake Lavon and other sources via the North Texas Municipal Water District. Water is not drawn for the City of Heath from Lake Ray Hubbard.
- At the time of printing, water use is surpassing more than 5 million gallons per day regularly, which could push restrictions to Stage 2 or even Stage 3. Please check the City's website.
- Stage 2 allows watering with an irrigation systems once per week; Stage 3 allows once every other week.
- The spike in water use is attributed to lawn irrigation. During the cooler, rainy months, use remains under 2 million gallons per day.
- Fines will be issued for violations.
- The majority of high water users in Heath are residential properties; not commercial.
- Rockwall-Heath High School and the Buffalo Creek and Heath Golf & Yacht golf courses draw water for irrigation from their own wells and do not have to comply with the City's water conservation schedules.



HEATH CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day In Heath was a red, white and blue community celebration that began with a Patriotic Opening Ceremony honoring Heath's Veterans and Active Military, who have sacrificed for our freedom. The City thanks the Special Events Board and sponsors, community volunteers, City staff, Heath Department of Public Safety AND the record number of parade participants who created great memories for the citizens and guests.

PARADE AWARD WINNERS

1. The Mayor's Choice Award | Rush Creek Yacht Club
2. Best Float Overall | Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church
3. Best Bicycle/Wagon/Stroller | Andrew and Luke Britton
4. The Legend Award | First Baptist Church of Heath
5. Best Golf Cart/Off-Road Vehicle | Batson Side-by-Side
6. Best Antique Car | 1930 Model A, Owned by Abby Kirkland
7. Most Patriotic Pet | Sir Gus of Heath, Schulte Family
8. Most Spirited Overall | Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Texas

Find more photos and the highlights reel on the City's Facebook page.

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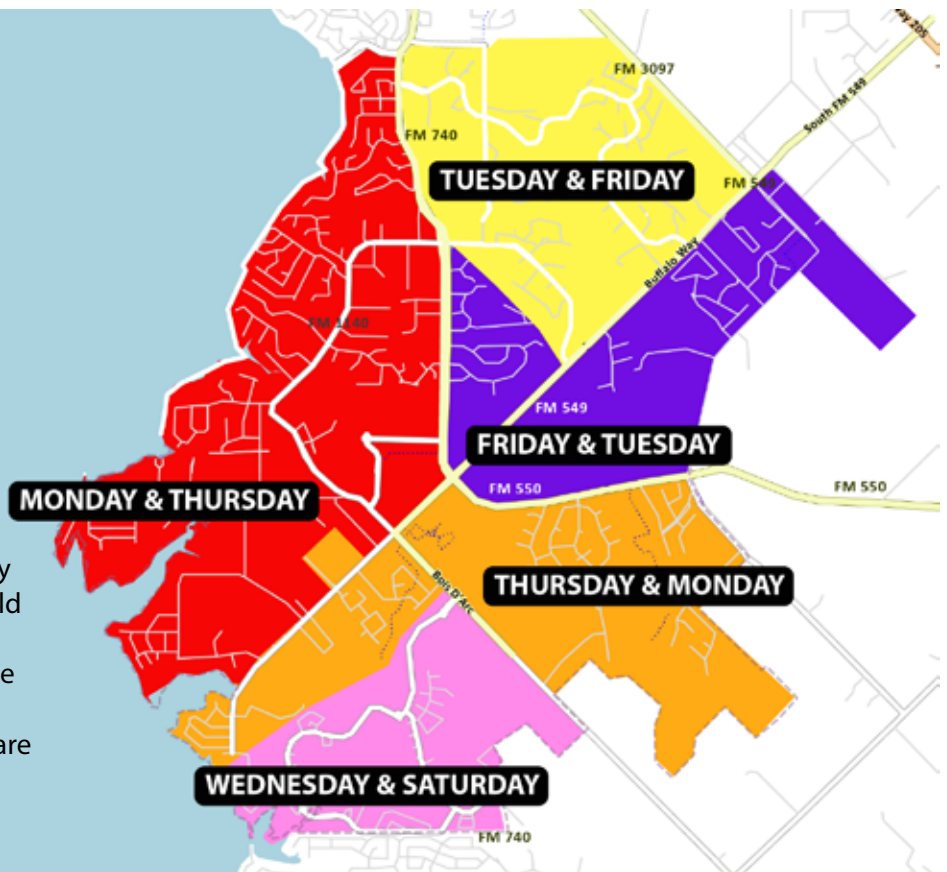
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FOLLOW THE CURRENT WATER CONSERVATION SCHEDULE

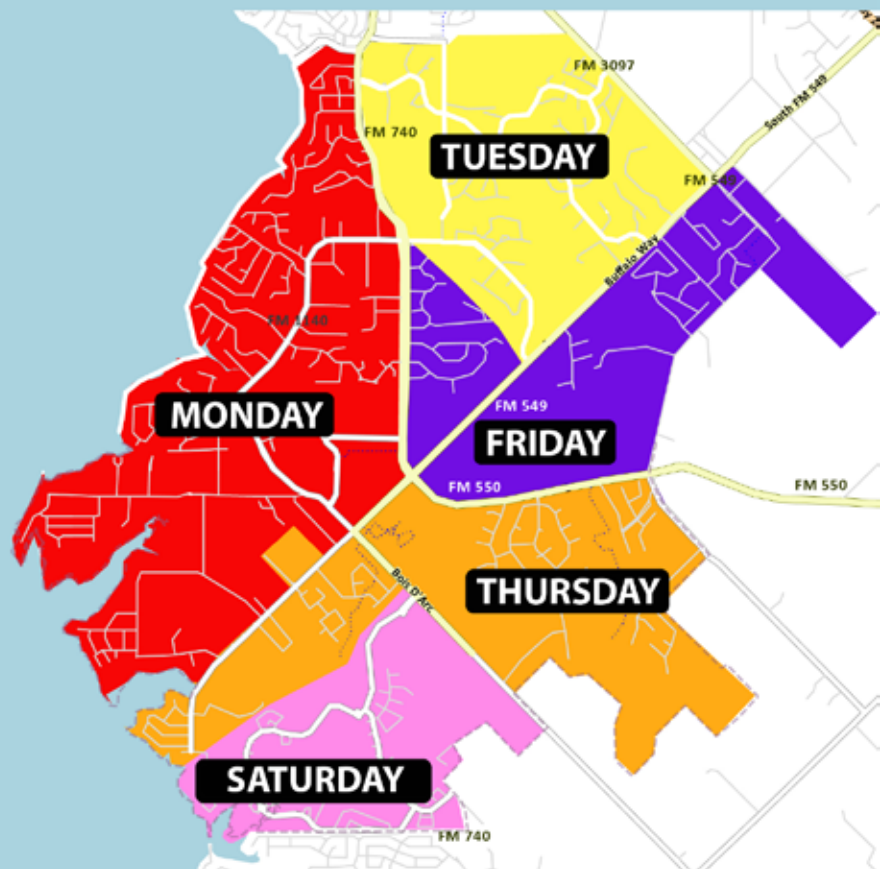
STAGE 1 IRRIGATION DAYS

- Landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address is limited to **TWICE PER WEEK ON YOUR DESIGNATED DAY**.
- Foundations, trees and other plantings may be watered any day with soaker or handheld hoses.
- Irrigation systems or sprinklers, may NOT be used any day between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Restrictions are mandatory and violations are subject to fines.



STAGE 2 IRRIGATION DAY

- Landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address is limited to **ONCE PER WEEK ON YOUR DESIGNATED DAY**.
- Foundations, trees and other plantings may be watered any day with soaker or handheld hoses.
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Find current restrictions, daily water use trends and helpful resources at heathtx.com/water-wise.

CALL EMERGENCY: 911 | NON-EMERGENCY UTILITY/AFTER HOURS: 972.771.7724