

Santo Special Utility District

Notice to Water Customers

As you are aware, the State of Texas is experiencing an unprecedented drought. Because of this, the City of Mineral Wells has been monitoring water levels in Lake Palo Pinto and is legally authorized to require curtailment or reduction of water use in any specific area in order to conserve water. As of April 1, 2014, the Palo Pinto County Water District No. 1, the City of Mineral Wells, surrounding water supply corporations and other wholesale customers of the City will be implementing Stage III of their Drought Contingency Plans, in addition to other requirements.

The water conservation measures to be implemented are as follows:

- Initiate mandatory conservation measures, where possible.
- All “non-essential water use” shall be prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. “Non-essential water use” is defined as washing windows, siding, eaves and roofs of buildings; washing driveways, streets, curbs and gutters; non-commercial vehicle washing; unattended irrigation or sprinkler lawn watering of landscaping, shrubs and grass; draining and filling swimming pools; and flushing water system. Hand watering of landscaping, shrubs and grass shall be permissible on any day subject to the “time-of-day” restrictions established herein.
- All “non-essential water use” to include: Unattended irrigation or sprinkler lawn watering shall only be permitted once a week.
The schedule for days in which “non-essential water use” is as follows by **Account Numbers**:
 - **Even** account numbers may use outside watering Sunday only.
 - **Odd** account numbers may use outside watering Saturday only.

Advised that violations may result in a discontinuation of water service. Please also be aware that as of the middle of May 2014, the City of Mineral Wells will begin blending water from the Brazos River with water from Lake Palo Pinto. This is being done to extend the life of the lake. They will be using a mixture of approximately 20-30% Brazos River water. Brazos River water contains a higher chloride (salt) content than the water they normally treat from Lake Palo Pinto. As a result, this could cause the water to have a slightly different taste. The water provided to our customers in this manner will meet all State and Federal drinking water standards; however, you may wish to consider your individual taste and health needs when using this water for drinking or cooking purposes. Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Santo Special Utility District at (940)769-4594.