

## Keep Your Summer Water Use Under Control

Each summer we see a spike in water use, mostly due to an increase in outdoor watering. According to the EPA, homeowners use two to four times as much water in the summer to keep their lawns green and gardens lush. Frequent refilling of swimming pools and children playing in sprinklers or with garden hoses can also contribute to higher outdoor water use. Inside, kids who are home from school and summer houseguests increase the amount of water used in kitchens and bathrooms.

Before summer water bills arrive, encourage everyone in your family to be mindful about water and to reduce the amount that they use. Doing so can help ensure you are not surprised by higher than expected water bills this summer. The following tips can help you keep summer water use under control.

Inspect irrigation systems monthly and check for leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads. Fix sprinkler heads that are broken or spraying on the sidewalk, street, or driveway.

Know your watering schedule. NRH property owners may use sprinklers or irrigation systems no more than twice per week based on the following schedule:

- **Tuesday & Friday:** Non-residential sites (businesses, apartments, parks, common areas)
- **Wednesday & Saturday:** Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
- **Thursday & Sunday:** Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

No watering is allowed on Mondays or between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day when more water is lost to evaporation.

Don't over water. If your lawn is lush and the grass springs back when stepped on, it doesn't need more water. An inexpensive soil moisture sensor can also show the amount of moisture at the lawn's roots and discourage overwatering. Turn your irrigation system off when rain is in the forecast. Consider upgrading to a WaterSense labeled irrigation system controller that saves water by automatically monitoring the weather and adjusting the irrigation timing as needed.

Lower the water level in your swimming pool to reduce the amount of water lost to splashing. Check your pool for leaks often, and if you find a leak get it fixed as soon as possible.

Install a low-flow showerhead. Conventional showerheads flow at 5 gallons per minute or more, whereas low-flow showerheads typically flow at 2.5 gallons per minute or less. Reducing the amount of time each family member spends in the shower will save you even more.

Only run the dishwasher and washing machine when they are full. Don't let the faucet needlessly run while you're cooking, cleaning or brushing teeth.

Visit [www.nrhtx.com/conservation](http://www.nrhtx.com/conservation) for more ways to save water. If you have questions or concerns about your water usage, please call 817-427-6200 to speak to a customer service representative.

### New Business Spotlight

#### Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

#### Vetted Well Restaurant

8380 Davis Blvd., 817-310-9804

[www.drafthouse.com](http://www.drafthouse.com)

#### Brinson Benefits

8605 Airport Freeway, 972-788-9118

[www.brinsonbenefits.com](http://www.brinsonbenefits.com)

#### Takara Japanese Steakhouse

7536 Boulevard 26, 817-595-8820

[www.takaranrh.com](http://www.takaranrh.com)

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### Mayor's Summer Reading Club Blasts Off on June 1

Celebrate literacy with special events and receive rewards for reading with the Mayor's Summer Reading Club at the North Richland Hills Library. Held June 1 through August 3, the Mayor's Summer Reading Club is a self-paced reading program that helps to foster reading success by encouraging participants to record the length of time they spend reading each day during the summer months. The theme for this year's reading club is "Universe of Stories." To sign up and get more information visit the library at 9015 Grand Ave, call 817-427-6800 or go online to [library.nrhtx.com/src](http://library.nrhtx.com/src).

## Mosquito Control Starts with You

With warmer weather upon us, all residents should take action to help prevent the spread of diseases carried by mosquitoes. Any amount of standing water can give mosquitoes a place to lay their eggs. Remove stagnant water from flower pots, bird baths, trash containers, children's toys, clogged rain gutters and other places around your property. Place environmentally friendly Bti briquets in stagnant water that can't be drained. Thinning shrubs and cutting down tall grass and weeds where mosquitoes rest will also help reduce the number of mosquitoes in your yard. Remember to use insect repellent every time you spend time outdoors, day or night.

The city proactively treats creeks and drainage channels to reduce the mosquito population and works with Tarrant County Public Health to monitor for West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne diseases. In areas where a mosquito-borne virus is detected, targeted ground level spraying is utilized to help reduce the mosquito population. For more information, visit [www.nrhtx.com/mosquitocontrol](http://www.nrhtx.com/mosquitocontrol) or call Neighborhood Services at 817-427-6650.

## Monthly Good Neighbor Tip: Swimming Pool Maintenance

While owning a swimming pool or hot tub can be fun, it also comes with responsibility. Please be a good neighbor and properly maintain it. When a pool is neglected, it becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes that can carry West Nile virus and other diseases. It can also create safety concerns that could lead to accidental drowning. City ordinance requires you to maintain swimming pools and hot tubs, and their related accessory structures in a safe, secured, clean and sanitary condition. For more information or to report a violation, visit [www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance](http://www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance) or call the Code Compliance office at 817-427-6663.

## NRHPD Crime Prevention Tip

Warrant for your arrest! These can be the scariest words a person can hear. Please understand you will NOT receive a phone call from any police department telling you that you have a warrant and if you pay money by way of an iTunes card/gift card it will be taken care of. This is a scam. If you still aren't sure, contact that police department to verify. Scam calls should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission via their website: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

## Upcoming Events

### 'Round the Town with Oscar

'Round the Town with Oscar bicycle rides and walks are a great opportunity to get outdoors, visit with city leaders, meet new people and be active in our community. Join us for the June 'Round the Town bicycle ride on **Tuesday, June 4** at 6:30 p.m. The 9.21-mile ride will start and end at Cross Timbers Park, 7680 Douglas Lane. Please remember to bring your bicycle helmet and bottled water. The June 'Round the Town walk is scheduled for **Thursday, June 6** at 6:15 p.m. The 1.69-mile walk will begin and end at City Hall at 4301 City Point Drive. For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 817-427-6620 or go online to [www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown](http://www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown).

### Amateur Radio Field Day

The NRH Office of Emergency Management invites you to the NRH Amateur Radio Club's annual Field Day exercise on **June 22 and 23**. Activities will be held at NRH Fire Station No. 5, located at 7202 Dick Fisher Dr., starting at noon on Saturday and continue through noon on Sunday. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Amateur radio, which is sometimes called "ham radio," allows people to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster, all without needing a cell phone or the internet. The field day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network. Find more information at [NRHARC.org](http://NRHARC.org) or by calling 817-427-6935.

### NRH Senior Center Activities

For those at least 55 years old, the NRH Senior Center offers a variety of amenities and enrichment opportunities. The dedicated senior facility adjoins the main concourse of the NRH Centre and is designed as the ideal spot to gather with friends and neighbors looking for recreation, health and social activities.

NRH Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a wide variety of activities, classes, trips and volunteer opportunities offered each month. For more information, please visit the NRH Senior Center at 6000 Hawk Ave, call 817-427-6695 or go online to [www.nrhcetnre.com/senior-center](http://www.nrhcetnre.com/senior-center).

