

Tips to Reduce Summer Water Use

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. Additionally, more frequent showering, kids who are home from school and summer house guests may increase the amount of water used in kitchens and bathrooms.

To keep your water bill in check, encourage everyone in your family to be mindful about water and to reduce the amount 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.

If you have questions or concerns about your water usage, please contact the Water Office at 817-427-6200 or customerservice@nrhtx.com to speak with a customer service representative.

Irrigation Systems

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.

Water no more than twice per week on your designated days. Don't overwater. 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 irrigation controller that saves water by automatically monitoring the weather and adjusting the timing as needed.

Indoor Water Use

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.

Check for and fix any leaking toilets or faucets. Leaks in toilets, faucets, pipes or slabs can significantly add to your monthly water bill. A running toilet can waste as much as 200 gallons of water a day and that can add up to about 5,500 a month or more. Visit www.nrhtx.com/yourmeter for information on reading your water meter and checking for leaks.

Swimming Pools

Check your pool for leaks often, and if you find a leak get it fixed as soon as possible. Lower the water level in your pool to reduce the amount of water lost to splashing. Decrease the rate of evaporation by using a swimming pool cover, turning waterfalls and other water features off and lowering the water temperature.

Know Your Watering Schedule

North Richland Hills water customers may use sprinklers or irrigation systems no more than twice per week based on the following schedule:

Monday

No sprinkling or irrigation allowed

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 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on any day.

Sign up to receive weekly watering advice at www.savetarrantwater.com.

www.nrhtx.com/conservation

Community Meetings

Your NRH Police Department is excited to offer you an opportunity to come and meet with the team. The informal events will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations below. To find which district you're in, please visit www.nrhtx.com/districts or call 817-427-7021.

- Districts 1 & 2 - July 26 at North Richland Hills Baptist Church
- Districts 3 & 4 - July 27 at Center Point Church
- Districts 5 & 6 - July 28 at Gateway Church

Annual Water Quality Report

The city's 2021 Water Quality Report will be available to the public on or before July 1 at www.nrhtx.com/waterquality2021. This report contains information about the source and quality of our drinking water. As in previous years, the report shows that the City of North Richland Hills has continued its commitment to provide citizens with safe drinking water by having no violations in contaminant levels or water quality standards. To speak with someone about the report or to request a printed copy, please call Public Works at 817-427-6440.

Good Neighbor Tip: Noise

We all want to live in a peaceful and quiet neighborhood. Please be a good neighbor and keep noise levels down, especially after 10 p.m. When working outside, enjoying your yard, or allowing pets outside, keep your neighbors in mind. If a neighbor has notified you there is a noise problem coming from your residence, work with them on a solution that you can both live with. City ordinance prohibits any unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise which exceeds specified decibel levels. You can find the specified levels at www.nrhtx.com/noise. Noise issues can be reported to Police nonemergency dispatch at 817-281-1000. Find information about excessive dog barking at www.nrhtx.com/barking and contact Animal Services at 817-427-6570 with any questions.

Protect Your Home While on Vacation

When taking a summer vacation, don't forget to protect your home while you are away. Make sure all entry points are locked. Place a hold on mail delivery. Put lights on timers. Arrange to have the grass cut. If you'll be out of town for four or more days, you can request a Vacation Watch before leaving town and NRH Police will provide extra patrols by your residence while you are away, for up to 30 days. Visit www.nrhtx.com/vacationwatch or call 817-427-7000 to request a Vacation Watch or get more information.

New Business Spotlight

Army Navy Warehouse

5435 Rufe Snow Dr., 817-576-4509
www.armynavywarehouse.com

Borden Pools, Inc.

5104 Commercial Dr., 817-439-8667
www.bordenpools.com

Grace's Tiers Bakery

7901 Mid Cities Blvd. #212, 817-528-4785
www.gracestiersbakery.com

Marco's Pizza

7047 Boulevard 26 #200, 682-337-2600
www.marcos.com

Tarrant Elite Taekwondo

8528 Davis Blvd. #180, 682-990-0212
www.tarrantelite.com

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Celebrate Summer at NRH₂O

NRH₂O Family Water Park is the place to be this summer! Located at 9001 Boulevard 26, the 17-acre park offers 23 attractions with fun and thrills for guests of all ages. **Special events this summer include a drone show on July 9 and fireworks on July 23.** Don't forget, NRH residents get discounts on season passes and single-day admission. Visit www.nrh2o.com today to plan your visit!

July 4 Holiday Closings

City Hall and other non-emergency city offices will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Garbage and recycling will not be collected. Monday collections will be picked up on Tuesday and Tuesday collections will shift to Wednesday. The NRH Library, Animal Adoption & Rescue Center and Richland Tennis Center will be closed July 4. NRH₂O Family Water Park, NRH Centre and Iron Horse Golf Course will be open. Please visit their websites for holiday hours.

Setting Off Fireworks Illegal

The City of NRH reminds you that setting off fireworks is illegal in our community. For the safety of yourself and others, please refrain from using fireworks as a part of your July 4 celebration. During the holiday, the Police and Fire Departments will seize fireworks and issue citations to violators. The citation may carry a fine of up to \$2,000.