

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.

North Richland Hills water customers only pay about 1 penny per gallon for water and sewer service, but over the course of a month that quickly adds up. 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 before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. to minimize evaporation. Water no more than twice per week on your designated days:

- Tuesday and Friday for businesses, apartments, parks and common areas;
- Wednesday and Saturday for residential addresses ending in an even number;
- Thursday and Sunday for residential addresses ending in an odd number.

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 up-

grading to a WaterSense irrigation controller that saves water by automatically monitoring the weather and adjusting the timing as needed.

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.

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.

Annual Water Quality Report

The city's 2022 Water Quality Report will be available to the public on or before July 1 at www.nrhtx.com/waterquality2022. 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

Airrosti Rehab Centers

5587 Davis Blvd., Suite 401
682-297-7300, airrosti.com

Ellie Mental Health

8408 Davis Blvd., Suite 240
817-765-5664, elliementalhealth.com

Fyzical Therapy & Balance

8412 Davis Blvd., Suite 190
817-479-7168, fyzical.com

Joe Hudson's Collision Center

7724 Maplewood Ave.
817-281-1510, jhcc.com

Nest Counseling

6605 Precinct Line Rd., Suite 100A
817-771-9016, nestcounseling.org

Salon and Spa Galleria

8025 Glenview Dr.
817-999-0980, salonandspagalleria.com

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Upcoming Events

Summer Fun 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. Don't forget, NRH residents get discounts on season passes and single-day admission. Visit www.nrh2o.com to plan your visit!

Family 4th Fireworks on the 3rd

Don't forget, this year's Northeast Tarrant Family 4th will feature a fantastic display of fireworks from 9:30 -10 p.m. on **Monday, July 3**. Families can also enjoy bounce houses and food trucks starting at 5 p.m. and a concert by the Texas All-Star Jazz Orchestra from 7:30-9 p.m.

The activities will take place at BISD Plaza, 6351 Boulevard 26. Parking will be available on a first come first served basis, so plan to come early. Additional parking will be available at Wiley G. Thomas Coliseum, 6108 Broadway Ave. in Haltom City. Vehicles will not be allowed to park along the street. For more information, please contact the Northeast Tarrant Chamber at 817-281-9376 or visit www.netarrant.org.

July 4 Holiday Closings

City Hall and other non-emergency city offices will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day. Tuesday's garbage and recycling collections will be made on Wednesday. The NRH Library, Animal Adoption & Rescue Center, Senior 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.

Celebrating Culture Series: Hula

Enjoy a vibrant showcase of Hula Kahiko (ancient) and Hula 'Auana (modern) dances performed by the Grace Hula Dance Company, while also learning more about this traditional dance from Hawaii. This event will take place at 6 p.m. on **Monday, July 24** at your NRH Library, 9015 Grand Ave. The Celebrating Culture Series is a year-round, curated showcase of live performances featuring accomplished local artists across various cultures, genres, and backgrounds. Contact the Library at 817-427-6800 for more information.

STEM Showcase

Engage your brain with different STEM and maker-themed activities at this come-and-go event at the NRH Library for ages 9 and up! There will be various robotics kits, games, and Maker Spot equipment available for hands-on learning. STEM Showcases will take place from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on **Friday, July 7, 14, and 28**. Contact the Library at 817-427-6800 for more information.