



RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS



WATER USE CURTAILMENT ORDER ALERT – STAGE 2 PLASKA FRIENDSHIP WATER SYSTEM June 30, 2011

Current levels in Lake Greenbelt have warranted the Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority (GMIWA) to place its customers under **mandatory water rationing**. As a whole sale customer of GMIWA, the Authority has been requested to reduce its demand on the GMIWA system by 30%. Therefore, the Authority is implementing its **Stage 2 Water Use Curtailment Order** in accordance with its Drought Contingency Plan for the Plaska Friendship Water System.

The following **Water Use Restrictions** are in effect immediately and will remain in effect until further notice:

1. **Outside watering utilizing sprinklers or irrigations systems will only be allowed on Monday and Thursday. However, no watering will be allowed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Hand watering only will be allowed on Sundays.**
2. **No washing of vehicles, boats, RV's, or driveways is allowed.**
3. **Customers with livestock tubs must maintain the float systems in good repair to alle viate any overflow.**
4. **Swimming pools mus t be maintained to red uce ev aporation a nd water loss due to flushing.**
5. **All commercial and other known high water users are asked to reduce usage and prevent waste.**
6. **Watch for leaks and notify Authority personnel immediately if one is found.**

Authority personnel will be monitoring usage and assisting customers in complying with the restrictions. However, after July 6, 2011, violators of the restrictions will be subject to a temporary severance of connection and a \$50.00 fine for reinstatement.

In order for the system to continue to provide the water required to meet the most critical needs, the Authority respectfully requests your full cooperation and assistance in this matter. A notice describing less stringent restrictions and/or termination of same will be issued once the Authority is notified by GMIWA that the mandatory restrictions can be reduced or alleviated. However, should conditions worsen, more stringent restrictions could be placed into effect.

The current drought conditions are impacting water systems all across the State of Texas to a point where the Governor's Office has requested the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to contact all Public Water Suppliers and ask that they implement their individual Drought Contingency Plans, regardless of whether they are experiencing difficulties meeting their demands or not. For more information on the statewide drought conditions, please refer to the TCEQ's website at www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought.

Should you require further information on the water restrictions or have any questions, please contact the Authority's main office at (866) 723-8697.