

March 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins -- Spring Forward Don't Forget to Change All Your Clocks



Please Do Your Part to Conserve Water

"City of Forney Initiates Stage 3 Water October 21, 2011

*Consumers allowed to water their lawns only once every two weeks
November through March.*

Forney city officials announced that Stage 3 City of Forney measures will go into effect October 21, 2011. Under Stage 3, the goal is a 10% reduction in water use and accelerated public awareness of water supply issues faced by NTMWD."

At a recent City Council meeting, Mike Rickman from the North Texas Municipal Water District gave an update on the drought and how it has affected our water supply. Rickman advised that federal law prohibits the Water District from pumping water from Lake Texhoma to Texas because of the zebra mussel infestation. Rickman also advised that since the forecast is for the "La Nina" pattern to disappear, which means more chances of rain for us, they decided not to go to Stage 4 regulations at this time. However, we are still under Stage 3 restrictions and need to meet the 10% reduction in water use goal. A goal we have not yet met. The heavy rains we had earlier this year helped somewhat, but we still have a long, hot summer to get through. Other than not watering your landscaping, are you doing anything else to conserve water?

The following are a few simple things you can do that will make a difference:

1. Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth, or washing your face or hands.
2. Wash dishes in the dishwasher rather than by hand. Don't waste water pre-rinsing dishes, and run the dishwasher only with a full load. However, if you do wash dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
3. Wash your produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap.
4. Invest in an energy-efficient clothes washer, adjust the water level to your load size, and run the washer only with a full load.
5. Install low-flow toilets and showerheads throughout your house (if your current shower can fill a one-gallon bucket within 20 seconds, then it should be replaced).
6. Turn off the water while you shave, and rinse your razor in a plugged sink rather than under a running faucet.
7. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 80 gallons of water every time.
8. Leaky indoor faucets tend to get your attention, but don't forget to check outside spigots, pipes and hoses for leaks, and repair or replace as needed.
9. Plant water-wise plants native to North Texas (for ideas, check the lists of recommended native plants from the [Native Plant Society of Texas - North Central Chapter](#) or the [Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Native Plant Information Network](#)
10. Operate your sprinkler system manually, for more control over when and how much you water.
11. Install an automatic sensor that shuts off your sprinkler system whenever it freezes, rains or is unusually windy.
12. Use sprinklers that spray large drops of water close to the ground rather than a fine mist over the top.
13. Use a drip irrigation system or soaker hoses rather than sprinklers to water trees, shrubs and garden beds.
14. Check your sprinklers often for directional aim and broken heads, and redirect, repair or replace them as necessary.





**City of Forney Promotes EPA's "Fix a Leak Week"
March 12 through 18, 2012**

To help save water for future generations, City of Forney is asking consumers to check, twist, and replace:

- Check for leaks. Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, fixture connections and check for leaking toilets. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots too.
- Twist and tighten pipe connections. To save more water without a noticeable difference in flow, twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator.
- Replace the fixture if necessary. Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

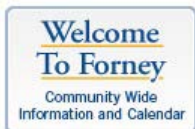
Visit www.epa.gov/watersense to find WaterSense labeled products or an irrigation partner in your area. Additional information is also available at www.cityofforney.org or by contacting the Public Works Department at publicworks@cityofforney.org or 972-564-7340.

WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services. Since the program's inception in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save 125 billion gallons of water and \$2 billion in water and energy bills. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

Welcome!

In the Community Development Department, Rashad Jackson, Planner I, who began January 3rd; in the Police Department, Shane Ball, Police Officer, who began January 9th; in the Public Works Department, Matt Hartley, who began January 4th; and in the Fire Department, Conner Green and Jeremy Latimer, both Firefighters, who began on January 9th and Tiger Butler, Firefighter, who began on January 23rd.

Upcoming Events



The **Main Street 5K** will be held on Saturday, **May 5, 2012**, in Downtown Forney. All runners, walkers, and dogs are welcome! Check out welcometoforney.com for more

information. Just go to May 5 on the calendar and click on the event.

Easter – April 8, 2012

City Offices will be **closed** on Good Friday – **April 6, 2012**

Exciting News!

Planning and preparation has begun on the Spellman Amphitheater Grand Opening Event on Memorial Day Weekend.

March Is....

The second week in March is **National Bubble Gum Week**. Do you know how old the oldest piece of gum is? **It is 9,000 years old!!** It is also **American Red Cross Month** and **National Nutrition Month**.

Don't forget:

Shop Forney First!

Remember: Sales tax dollars help pay-down your tax rate.



Watch our website at www.cityofforney.org and our Facebook page for updates on our road construction projects and on the drought.

Kudos

Interim Director of Public Works, Chris Metz, passed the Code Enforcement test.

Public Works employees Dewayne VanSchuyver and Jacob Smith obtained their Class "D" Water Licenses.

Public Works employees John Daniels and Steve Kennemer obtained their Class "C" Water Licenses.

WAY TO GO GUYS!!

2012 City Council Meetings	
Times are subject to change – Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance on our website at www.cityofforney.org	
1st Tuesday of the Month Start Time 6:00 p.m.	3rd Tuesday of the Month Start Time 7:00 p.m.
January 3	January 17
February 7	February 21
March 6	March 20
April 3	April 17
May 1	May 15
June 5	June 19
July 3	July 17
August 7	August 21
September 4	September 18
October 2	October 16
November 6	November 20
December 4	December 18