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### **Time to Turn Off Sprinkler Systems and Prepare Landscapes for Winter**

*Lawns and landscapes need little to no watering during winter months*

**WYLIE, TX – Nov. 9, 2017:** The [North Texas Municipal Water District](http://www.ntmwd.com) (NTMWD) encourages residents and business owners to turn off irrigation systems and only water when needed this winter. As lawns and landscapes transition into dormancy during late fall, rainfall usually provides enough water.

NTMWD's winter guidelines of watering only if necessary are in effect now through March 31, 2018. Using less water during the winter months helps extend the region's water supplies to meet future needs.

"Keeping irrigation systems turned off until the spring also helps prevent unintended watering that can freeze on streets and sidewalks in extreme cold weather conditions," said Denise Hickey, NTMWD Water Resource Program and Public Education Manager.

NTMWD recommends homeowners check for and repair any leaking outside faucets. Covering and insulating outside faucets can prevent frozen or broken pipes.

[Texas A&M AgriLife](http://www.tamulife.com) recommends property owners add mulch or compost to landscapes and around trees. Covering exposed soil with two to four inches of mulch helps maintain soil moisture and protects roots.

Check your city's website for specific outdoor watering guidelines and local landscaping resources. The free online tool [www.WaterMyYard.org](http://www.WaterMyYard.org) will help residents know when to water and when to wait based on local weather conditions.

#### **About NTMWD**

*The North Texas Municipal Water District is a regional wholesale provider of water, wastewater and solid waste disposal services for approximately 1.6 million residents across 10 counties – a service territory covering 2,200 square miles. For more information, visit [NTMWD.com](http://www.ntmwd.com).*

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