

Runaway Bay implements Stage 1 Drought Contingency Plan....

The City of Runaway Bay has been notified by the Tarrant Regional Water District that due to receding lake levels the combined storage capacity in Tarrant Regional Water District Reservoirs will soon fall to 75% - one of the trigger conditions for Stage 1 Water Watch of the TRWD Drought Contingency Plan.

In an effort to conserve water supplies, TRWD implemented Stage 1 of its Drought Plan on Monday, August 29, 2011 and requested all of its customers to do the same.

As you know, Texas is experiencing the worst one-year drought on record and The City of Runaway Bay encourages everyone to conserve water within our community.

Voluntary Restrictions:

- Customers are encouraged to limit nonessential water use to prevent further restrictions.

Outdoor Restrictions:

- Usage of water for outdoor purposes, such as lawns, gardens, and car washing, is restricted to Wednesdays and Saturdays before 10:00 am and after 6:00 pm.
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General Water Conservation Tips

Customers are encouraged to reduce their water usage as much as possible. Try following a few of the following tips:

- About 50 percent of water used outdoors is wasted due to improper installation, maintenance, and use of watering systems. To make sure you get the most out of watering your lawn and garden, have your system inspected each year by a licensed irrigator to ensure proper operation.
- Install inexpensive faucet aerators to cut in half the amount of water used by each faucet.
- Check your faucets, and fix any leak you find. Faucet leaks can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water a year.
- Test your toilet for leaks; a leaking toilet can waste up to 73,000 gallons of water a year. To test, add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the water in the tank, but do not flush the toilet. Watch to see if the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes. If it does, the toilet has a silent leak that needs to be repaired.
- Look for water-efficient models when replacing plumbing fixtures or appliances. A water-efficient clothes washer uses 50 percent less water than a conventional model. Water-efficient plumbing fixtures can reduce water use by 25 to 60 percent.

For more information on the drought, and to find available resources, visit the TCEQ's [Drought Information Web Page](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought) (link to <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought>). For more ways to save water, visit [TakeCareofTexas.org](http://www.takecareoftexas.org) (link to <http://www.takecareoftexas.org>). Additional information may be found at Tarrant Regional Water Development Board at www.trwd.com.