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## Prosper enters Stage 3 water restrictions on Nov. 1 *Twice monthly watering, stricter enforcement ahead*

PROSPER (October 28, 2011) On November 1, the Town of Prosper will enter into Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency and Emergency Water Response Plan, responding to the lingering drought and the diminishing supplies of water, according to Director of Public Works Frank Jaromin.

“We’re entering the dormant period for many of the grasses and plants in our area, so the impact of these restrictions may not be as detrimental as if the change happened during the summer months,” he said.

During the entire Stage 3 period, which starts on Nov. 1 and continues until at least March 31, customers may use sprinklers or irrigation systems twice monthly for yard watering.

“Stage 3 is being implemented region-wide; customer cities of the North Texas Municipal Water District and the Upper Trinity Regional Water District are all affected. Part of the change is a more active enforcement posture of these restrictions. We’re being asked to be more vigilant of glaring violations and we are being encouraged to deal more forcefully with those not in compliance,” added Jaromin. To lessen the chance of an inadvertent violation, residents are encouraged to turn off automatic or timed irrigation controllers and use the manual watering feature during Stage 3.

During this period, retail, business, industrial and commercial customers may water every other Monday; residential addresses that end in an even number, including duplexes, town homes and apartments may water every other Tuesday; schools, places of worship, parks, designated open spaces, right-of-ways, medians and other non-residential areas may water every other Thursday; residential addresses that end in an odd number, including duplexes, town homes and apartments may water every other Friday. Outdoor watering is prohibited from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the week and there is to be no automatic irrigation on weekends.

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To assist residents become mindful of the new restrictions, the following allowed and prohibited activities will serve as a quick reference:

Allowed --

- Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year of shrubs), and trees may be watered for up to two hours on any day by hand-held hose, soaker hose or dedicated zone or drip system;
- Landscaping associated with new construction may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the date of the certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy, or certificate of completion;
- Wait until current restrictions have been lifted prior to establishing new landscape;
- Replacement of normal water loss in established swimming pools caused by evaporation;
- Vehicle washing by hose with a shutoff nozzle attached.

Prohibited --

- No hydroseeding, hydromulching, sodding, sprigging allowed;
- No pools may be constructed and filled with water;
- No draining of existing swimming pools;
- No street cleaning or operation of ornamental fountains with treated water;
- No watering of golf courses with treatable water;
- No planting or watering of any cool season grass species such as rye grass;
- No hosing of paved areas, building or windows;
- No using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste.

“Thank you for your commitment and compliance with these restrictions as we make the required changes to protect our water supply levels,” he concluded.

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**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 10,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper’s vision is to remain a “Place Where Everyone Matters.”