



# Twice weekly watering schedule now permanent

City ordinance changed on April 23, 2012.

## Twice Weekly Watering in Dallas Questions and Answers

**Q: Isn't the drought over? Why make this change when the lakes are full?**

**A:** The new permanent schedule is a proactive water conservation measure, instead of a response to drought conditions. This change will help extend our water supply and possibly delay going into more restrictive watering measures when the next drought comes. The Water Conservation ordinance focuses on outdoor watering because it's considered a non-essential use and, on average, accounts for approximately 30% of our total annual water use.

**Q: What else is impacted by the change?**

**A:** The only change to the ordinance is the mandatory watering schedule. It does not affect swimming pools, fountains, car washes, power washing, business process or indoor uses.

**Q: Can I keep my landscape alive if I can only water twice per week?**

**A:** Horticultural experts agree that landscapes are healthiest with deep and infrequent watering. Even in the heat of summer, landscapes only need about one inch of water every 5 to 10 days to thrive. Watering your landscape often encourages shallow roots which are more susceptible to damage from extreme heat, freezing temperatures, pests, diseases and future drought conditions.

**Q: Can I use drip irrigation, a soaker hose or hand water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day?**

**A:** Watering with these more efficient methods is not encouraged between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., but will be permitted on any day.

**Q: Will any variances to the watering schedule be considered?**

**A:** Yes, in some situations the watering schedule may not be manageable. Visit [SaveDallasWater.com](http://SaveDallasWater.com) for more information on variances.

**Q: Dallas has been pushing for conservation for a while, have those efforts succeeded?**

**A:** YES! Since 2001 Dallas residents and businesses have reduced our gallons per capita per day by 23% resulting in a projected water savings of 146 billion gallons.

**Q: Where can I go for more information?**

**A:** Go to [SaveDallasWater.com](http://SaveDallasWater.com) or call 214.670.3155.

| City of Dallas Maximum Twice Per Week Watering Schedule |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Last Digit of Address                                   | Watering Days Allowed    |
| 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)                          | Sundays and Thursdays    |
| 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)                           | Saturdays and Wednesdays |
| No address number                                       | Sundays and Thursdays    |

As a reminder, watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is prohibited from April 1 through October 31. These restrictions apply to automatic or in-ground irrigation systems and hose-end sprinklers only. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand-watering are allowed any day.