

# Pop Quiz:

## Do You Know Where Your Water Comes From?

Most people in Texas don't.

If you are served by the North Texas Municipal Water District and you think your water comes from Lavon Lake, you're right. Congratulations! You're well on your way to raising your Water IQ.

*Every day is a chance to save.*

If everyone uses just 5 percent less water, we can make our limited supply last longer. The most effective way to save water is to reduce outdoor consumption.

North Texas Municipal Water District is implementing a public education and awareness campaign to help save water. It's called "Water IQ: Know your water." By raising everyone's Water IQ, North Texas will use less water.

### How to save water around your home

- 1 Slowly cut back watering your lawn to about 1 inch every seven days. Experts advise watering your lawn deeply and infrequently to promote a strong root system.
- 2 Water before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. Mid-day watering results in fast evaporation and scorches lawns and plants.
- 3 Operate your in-ground sprinkler system manually—don't use the timer. Check sprinkler systems frequently for directional aim and broken heads to prevent watering driveways, sidewalks and streets.
- 4 If you own a pool, pay close attention to the water level. If it varies drastically from day to day, you probably have a leak and need to have it serviced immediately. Swimming pools may not be drained and refilled this summer except to replace normal water loss.
- 5 Use plenty of mulch in your beds—especially during a drought. Experts recommend 4 to 6 inches to prevent evaporation and keep soil moist.
- 6 Choose "water wise" plants like lantana, salvia and Mexican sage. Ask your local nursery or landscape professional for advice.
- 7 Raise your lawnmower blade and cut grass to a height of 3 inches—this shades the soil, which reduces evaporation, and allows roots to grow deeper.
- 8 Check for leaks in taps, pipes and hoses. It's an easy way to save water. One slow drip can waste 20 gallons of water daily (7,000 gallons per year).
- 9 Use soaker hoses instead of sprinklers to water trees, shrubs and beds more efficiently.

# Save 5%

Read your latest utility bill and note how many gallons you consumed. Simply multiply the number of gallons by .05—that's your 5 percent goal. For example, 8,000 gallons X .05 = 400 gallons. That's all you need to save for that month. You can easily save that much by fixing a leak, operating your irrigation system properly or implementing some of these other simple tips.

It may not seem like much, but every time you practice one of these easy tips you're helping to make Lavon Lake last. That's good for business, our economy and North Texas.

The North Texas Municipal Water District is the first in Texas to implement the "Water IQ: Know your water" campaign, the state's official water conservation public education campaign. The North Texas Municipal Water District is a wholesale water provider serving 1.6 million people in the North Texas area.



Raise your Water IQ.