

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 pool

- 1 Pay close attention to the water level in your pool. If it varies drastically from day to day, you probably have a leak and need it serviced immediately. Fixing leaks is even more important during severe drought conditions since swimming pools may not be drained and refilled this summer except to replace normal water loss.
- 2 Check to see if your pool has an automatic fill system and make sure it's not working overtime. If your pool has a leak, the device will run continuously and waste water.
- 3 If you refill your pool manually, never submerge the hose in the water. Leave the hose above water so you can hear it and be reminded the water is running. If it's submerged, you won't hear it, and unless you have an anti-siphon device, you might cause chemically treated water to flow back into your community's water supply.
- 4 Check your equipment pad—it should always be dry. If it's wet, you probably have a leak.
- 5 Watch out for ground expansion during dry conditions. Expansion could cause your pool pipes to crack or break.

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.