

Water Waste Prohibition Policy

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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PURPOSE:

To curtail the waste of water thereby conserving and preserving the natural water resources. To strive to ensure that sufficient and safe water supplies will be available for the ever-increasing population growth of the District and future generations.

UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES:

The District considers the following water usage as unnecessary waste.

- o Cleaning of gutters by flooding with water.
- o Landscape watering using a sprinkler or sprinkler system between the hours of 10 AM and 8 PM.
- o Landscaping with high water consumption plants.
- o Aerial sprinkler systems
- o Removal of leaves, dirt, debris from patios, decks, sidewalks, driveways, carports etc.
- o Non-recycling decorative water fountains.
- o Non-recycling water-use play equipment.
- o Non-repair of water leaks.

STRATEGY:

Customers in the East Medina County Special Utility District service area generally have three potential sources of water supply; including East Medina County Special Utility District (The District), private wells for domestic and livestock use and Bexar Medina Atascosa (BMA) irrigation water. Due to this diverse source of water and the rural nature of the District having more than 300 miles of water lines to maintain and operate, the District does not currently have a policy that relies on "drive by" or "neighboring reporting" for water usage enforcement. The District feels that this type of enforcement is detrimental to the community well-being and the trust that is prevalent in country living.

VIOLATIONS:

East Medina County Special Utility District is organized under Chapters 49 and 65 of the Texas State Water Code having the power to levy fines for non-compliance of District policies, rules, and or regulations. Customers of East Medina County Special Utility District are required to follow the rules and regulations as set forth by District Policy, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

END RESULTS:

The Board of Directors are confident that necessary water curtailments can be accomplished through the spirit of education and cooperation among the people we serve working together to conserve, preserve and protect our water resources.