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## **KILLEEN WATER CONSERVATION PLAN TAKES EFFECT MAY 1**

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): The City of Killeen Water Conservation Plan takes effect May 1 through September 30 each year.

Killeen will automatically enter Stage 1 of the Water Conservation Plan, public education and voluntary conservation, Monday. This stage imposes no restrictions, but it encourages residents to begin conserving voluntarily so that further restrictions may be prevented.

Higher demands for water as temperatures rise during summer can strain the water supply. Daily steps to help reduce this strain can extend the supply.

The City offers the following tips to reduce daily water usage:

- Repair leaky faucets, fixtures and pipes
- Turn water off while washing dishes, brushing teeth or shaving
- Scrape dishes instead of rinsing before placing them in the dishwasher
- Rinse produce in a pan of water then reuse remaining water on household plants
- Check toilets for leaks by adding food coloring to the tank; if color appears in the bowl, you have a leak
- Take showers instead of baths; install low-flow shower heads
- Wash only full loads of laundry when possible, or use the lowest water level setting for light or partial loads
- Use sprinklers that produce large drops of water instead of mist
- Set sprinkler systems to water 1 inch every 5 days
- Adjust sprinkler heads that are spraying sidewalks, driveways or streets
- Use drip irrigation for flower beds, shrubs and trees
- Condition soil with mulch or compost to retain moisture
- Set lawnmower on higher setting; taller grass retains more moisture
- Use a bucket of water to wash vehicles; only turn on hose for rinsing

More information about the water conservation plan is available on the city's website, [www.killeentexas.gov/wcp](http://www.killeentexas.gov/wcp).

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