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# News Release

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## Murphy residents benefit from more bonus watering *Each category gets one additional watering day*

MURPHY (August 21, 2014) Residents and businesses in Murphy are scheduled for yet another bonus watering day during the week of Aug. 25 as the City temporarily suspends the twice-monthly watering schedule, says City Manager James Fisher.

“While we have observed that, for the most part, residents and businesses are following the twice-a-month schedule very closely, we’re glad to be able to provide another day for watering,” he said. “Allowing the additional day gives us a chance to keep the water in our system moving, and that’s important for a number of reasons.”

Residents with addresses ending in an odd number may water on Monday, Aug. 25, a day that is not on the schedule for them. And, residents with addresses ending in an even number may water on Wednesday, Aug. 27, a day that would normally not be one during which watering was allowed. The bonus day also applies to businesses, homeowner associations, schools and other non-residential locations, which can water on Friday, Aug. 29, a day outside of their allowable watering schedule.

“These bonus days do not negate the need to maintain the proper watering times,” added Fisher. Watering is prohibited after 10 a.m. or before 6 p.m. to avoid the hottest part of the day during which evaporation is most likely.

Stage 3 seasonal restrictions, which limit watering to twice a month, are in place until Oct. 31. These restrictions apply to all automatic sprinkler systems.

While water conservation is critically important, Fisher says that the effects of using less water results in placing the City of Murphy in the unusual position of having water linger in the storage system longer than normal.

“We need to move the water in our storage system to maintain the system at its peak level of efficiency,” he said. “The residents and businesses in Murphy have done what we’ve asked, and that has put us in this position. We’re actually pleased to give something back for their support of our water conservation efforts.”

Watering restrictions are available for review online at the Customer Service page of [www.murphytx.org](http://www.murphytx.org).

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**ABOUT MURPHY** -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.