



CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

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SEPTEMBER

2022

CELEBRATIONS

- 09/02 VJ Day, WWII
- 09/08 Labor Day
- 09/11 911 Remembrance
- 09/11 Grandparents Day

MODIFIED STAGE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT AS OF AUGUST 15

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City staff provided an in-depth report regarding the current Stage 3 Water Restrictions and why they are necessary at the August 9 City Council meeting. During the presentation, staff praised customers for their immediate response when water restrictions were first imposed the week of July 15. Usage was significantly reduced from the previous high levels. As a result, staff recommended, and council approved, moving to modified Stage 3 Water Restrictions.

You can view the presentation which included the data behind the decisions being made regarding the restrictions and listen to the audio recording of the meeting at heathtx.com.

Any changes to water restrictions and schedules will also be posted on the City's website and on the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts. You may also call customer service at 972-771-6228.

Key points shared August 9 regarding why the City of Heath is under Stage 3 Water Restrictions include:

- The City of Heath is a customer of the City of Rockwall, which gets its water from the North Texas Water Municipal District. Heath's contract with the City of Rockwall allows our community to pump no more than 5.5 million gallons a day.
- Before the Stage 3 Restrictions went into effect, the Heath community was using as much as 7 million gallons of water per day, which far exceeded the limit and spurred the City of Rockwall to direct Heath city management to comply with the contract immediately.

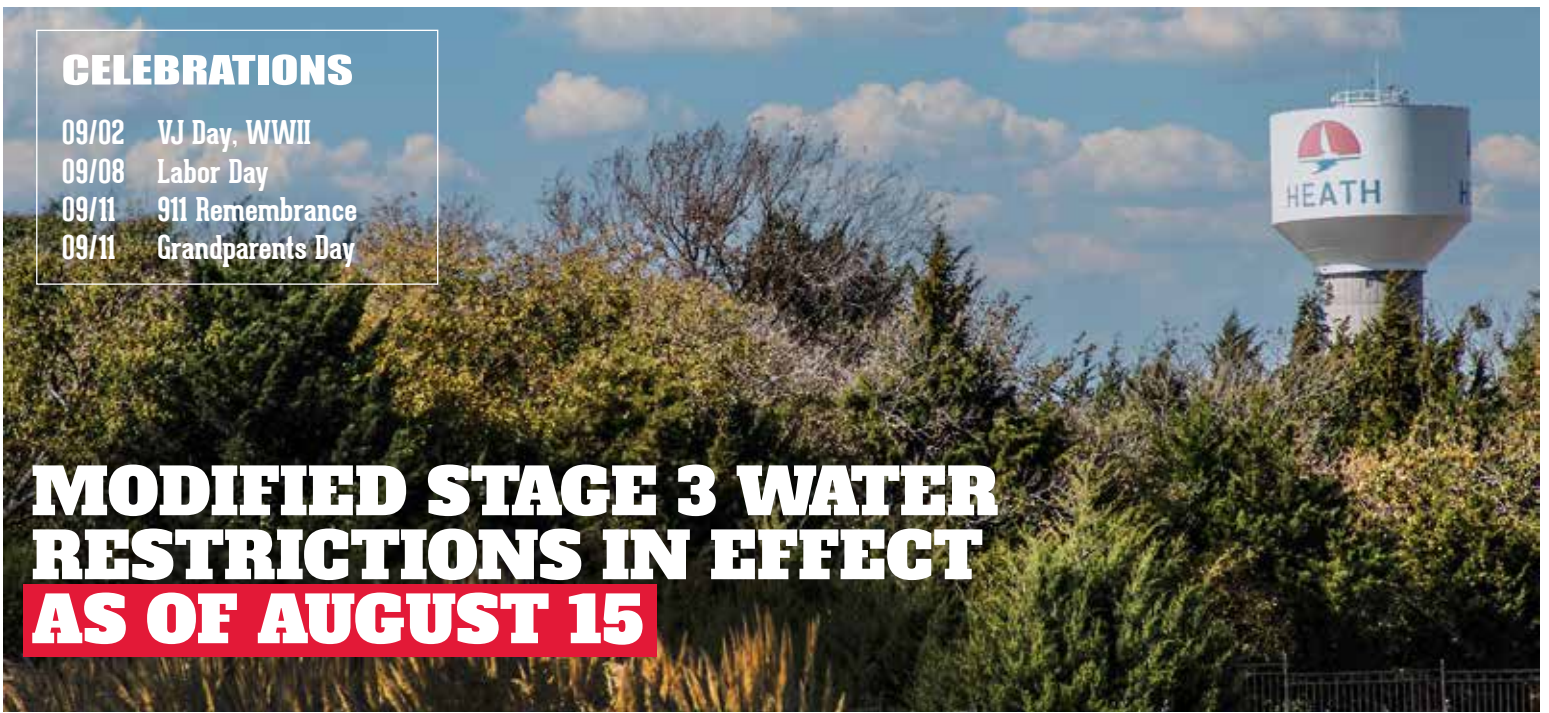
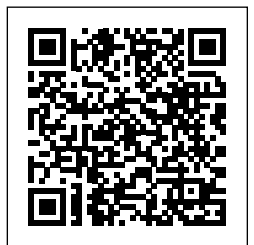
- Even with the restrictions in place, as of July 29, the City of Heath was still exceeding its limit by .2 million gallons per day. For now, Rockwall is allowing the City of Heath to cover the demand.
- Adding to this strain is the fact that the City of Heath's combined maximum tank storage capacity is 5 million gallons:
 - a. .1.5 million gallons in an elevated storage tank
 - b. 5 million gallons in an elevated storage tank
 - c. 3 million ground storage tank

This means that while the City of Heath is pumping in water to meet the daily demand by the community, our storage tank levels are still steadily decreasing, instead of staying full.

The modified measures allow customers to water one time per week, beginning Monday, August 15. The day each customer may water is determined by the last digit of their street address (see page 3). No watering is permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Watering may occur between 12 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 12 a.m. on the customer's approved day. Customers can resume individual sprinkler system station times as long as they fit into the allotted time frame.

All other Stage 3 Water Restrictions remain in effect and fines up to \$2,000 may apply for violations.

See page 3 for the modified Stage 3 restrictions and watering schedule.



DECLARATION OF MODIFIED STAGE 3 OF THE WATER CONSERVATION, WATER RESOURCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2022, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE; GO TO HEATHTX.COM FOR UPDATES

City of Heath water customers are required to implement and abide by the modified seasonal water restrictions for *Stage 3 Drought Conditions* which include limited landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems. The following conditions are mandatory and failure to abide by these conditions may be subject to fines of up to \$2,000.

MODIFIED STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- No watering any day between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address to is limited to **ONCE PER WEEK. CUSTOMER'S DAY OF THE WEEK TO USE LANDSCAPE SPRINKLERS IS DETERMINED BY THE LAST DIGIT OF THE STREET ADDRESS** (see schedule below).

ON THE DAY OF YOUR CHOICE:

- Hosing of paved areas, buildings or windows is prohibited. (Pressure washing of impervious surfaces is allowed.)
- Washing and rinsing of vehicles by hose is prohibited; except with the use of a hose with a cutoff nozzle.
- Using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste is prohibited.
- Foundations, new landscaping, new plantings (first year) of shrubs, and trees, may be watered for up to two hours on any day by a handheld hose, a soaker hose or a dedicated zone using a drip irrigation system. Restricted hours of no watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. apply.
- Golf courses may water greens and tee boxes without restrictions.
- Public athletic fields used for competition may be watered twice per week.
- Locations using other sources of water supply for irrigation may irrigate without restrictions.
- Properly functioning drip irrigation systems may irrigate without restrictions if your system has the drip component. Be sure the lawn sprinkler component is turned off.
- Landscape associated with new construction may be watered as necessary for 30 days from the date of the certificate of occupancy, temporary certificate of occupancy or certificate of completion.
- ET/Smart irrigation systems are not exempt from these requirements.
- Existing swimming pools may be drained and refilled for repairs and replacement of normal water loss only. Please obtain a building permit prior to draining your pool. Instructions on where water is to be released will be provided.
- Hydro-seeding, hydro-mulching and sprigging is prohibited.



WEEKLY WATERING SCHEDULE

DETERMINED BY LAST DIGIT OF STREET ADDRESS

DAY OF THE WEEK	HOUSE # ENDING IN
MONDAY	1 - 2
TUESDAY	3 - 4
WEDNESDAY	5 - 6
THURSDAY	7 - 8
FRIDAY	9 - 0

EXAMPLE: 405 MAIN STREET

May water on Wednesdays between 12am - 10am and 6pm - 12am

Customers can resume individual sprinkler system station times as long as they fit into the allotted time frame.

The City thanks the citizens for doing their part to help conserve water - a finite and precious resource - during this time of extreme heat and drought. Not only do we want to ensure the quality of life and comfort for all residents, but also ensure the availability of water should there be a crisis such as a wildfire, structural fire or break in a water main line.



CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS OUTDOOR LIGHTING/DARK SKY ORDINANCE FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

The Heath City Council adopted an Outdoor Lighting/Dark Sky Ordinance at its July 14 meeting. You can view the ordinance draft here: [\(QR code link to ordinance final\)](#)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN OUTDOOR LIGHTING/DARK SKY ORDINANCE?

The intent of the ordinance is to decrease light pollution to maintain Heath's quaint rural character, maintain property safety, preserve views of the night sky, and promote energy efficiency, community health, and harmony between neighbors.

WHAT PROPERTIES ARE AFFECTED BY THE ORDINANCE?

The ordinance regulates all non-residential properties within the city limits of Heath. Single-family homes are not affected. Examples of non-residential properties regulated include:

- Parks
- Neighborhood common areas
- Neighborhood amenity centers
- Sports facilities
- Trails
- Streets
- Neighborhood entry features
- Non-residential uses situated in the take-area of Lake Ray Hubbard
- Parking areas
- Agricultural uses such as barns and arenas
- Tri-plexes, four-plexes and apartments

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE?

This ordinance requires that outdoor light fixtures be shielded so that the light shines downward -- not upward or directly sideways. The new regulations also control light from scattering upward into the sky and minimize the horizontal glare that occurs with looking directly at a light bulb.

A goal of the ordinance is to provide light that is closest to the natural light seen from the sun and stars. This light required is in the yellow color spectrum, which minimizes the use of light in the blue color spectrum.

Great effort was made to write an ordinance that is easy to interpret, easy to administer, and easy to enforce.

HOW WILL THE ORDINANCE BE ENFORCED?

Under the new ordinance, the developer of non-residential development is required to provide an outdoor lighting plan that meets the requirements of the ordinance.

This plan will be reviewed by City staff to ensure that requirements are met. After the lighting is in place and inspected by the building department, a code enforcement officer will investigate any complaints after dark.

DOES ORDINANCE AFFECT EXISTING NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES?

Yes, existing non-residential properties are required to comply with the ordinance and will be contacted directly by mail. These owners/developers of existing non-residential properties have up to five years from the date of adoption to comply with the ordinance. If non-residential property owners/developers modify their property after the adoption of the ordinance, compliance may be required at the time the property is modified. City staff are available to answer any questions to assist owners/developers regarding plans for compliance.

Questions: Contact Director of Planning Aaron Adel at aadel@heathtx.com.

FALL FUN

RISD and City Events

Below are some of the activities popping up on the Fall community calendar. You can watch for more details about City-hosted events at heathtx.com and the City Facebook page. For school-related activities, go to rockwallisd.com (select Rockwall-Heath High School) or follow @blockhspritbuilder on Facebook.

SEPTEMBER 23

I-30 CLASSIC AT WILKERSON SANDERS STADIUM

7 p.m. Kickoff - Rockwall-Heath vs Rockwall Varsity Football

OCTOBER 3-7

ROCKWALL ISD FALL BREAK

A new student holiday for 2022!

OCTOBER 5

ROCKWALL ISD FAIR DAY

Celebrate the 2022 theme "Treats of Texas" | bigtex.com.

OCTOBER 19

RHHS HOMECOMING PARADE & COMMUNITY PEP-RALLY

A community tradition you don't want to miss! Enjoy the early evening parade then cheer the Hawks in RHHS stadium afterwards. *Times, routes and features to be announced soon.*

OCTOBER 21

RHHS HOMECOMING GAME | Wilkerson Sanders Stadium

7 p.m. Kickoff - The Hawks take on Mesquite Horn.

OCTOBER

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Sliders & Snow Cones with Heath DPS (6 - 8 p.m.)

Meet your City of Heath Department of Public Safety officers at the Heath Fire Bay at 200 Laurence Drive on National Night Out. They'll treat you to a delicious slider dinner served up by local food trucks, Ned's Barbecue and KC Seoul Kitchen, followed by free snow cones from Kona Ice.

ALSO BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

THE 2022 HEATH FARMERS MARKET/CONCERT SERIES

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DECEMBER

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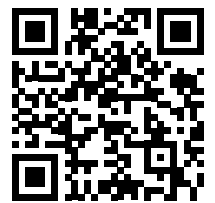
5:30-8:30 P.M. | TOWNE CENTER PARK

Santa Claus comes to Heath for this hometown tradition presented by the City of Heath Special Events Board in Towne Center Park. Expect all of the sights, sounds and treats of Christmas, including the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, RISD choirs and bands, complimentary cocoa and cookies, food trucks, children's activities and miniature train rides.



JOIN PATH IN 2022!

The City of Heath parks and trails system is an important focus in 2022, with plans to renovate and enhance Towne Center Park and create a "passive" park in front of the Towne Center Retail Center. The Park Board is also currently reviewing options for the next PATH-specific project. **Become a PATH member today!**



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