



MELISSA MINUTE

JULY, 2007

Water District Moves from Drought Contingency to Water Conservation

In accordance with the City ordinance adopting the North Texas Municipal Water District's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan, the City of Melissa suspended enforcement of most watering restrictions, including the water surcharge, effective July 5, 2007. Existing, non-drought-related guidelines that will remain in effect include:

- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- No over-watering such that a constant stream of water overflows from the lawn onto driveways, sidewalks or streets.
- No watering during rain.

Melissa Police Prepare for National Night Out 2007

National Night Out is a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), local police, and the citizens of every city in America. It is designed to heighten drug awareness, to help organize neighborhood crime watch communities, and to strengthen the relationship between the local police and the community. The event is scheduled for August 7, 2007 at 6:30 pm and will be located at Zadow Park, 3001 McKinney Street. We hope to see all Melissa residents there.

Friendly Code Reminders

The Code Enforcement Division is responsible for enforcement of the codes and ordinances that pertain to the appearance of the City and the operation of certain businesses.

The owner or occupant of any property within the corporate limits of the city, whether occupied or unoccupied, is required by ordinance to keep the property and adjacent parkway free of the following conditions:

- Grass, weeds and vegetation growing to a height of more than twelve inches (12")
- Stagnant water
- Accumulations of trash, garbage and debris

Please call 972-838-2036 with any questions. Ordinances are available online at www.cityofmelissa.com

CITY COUNCIL

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City Hall is located at:

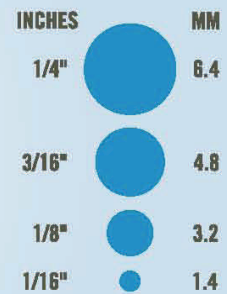
901 State Highway 121
Melissa, TX 75454-9501
Call (972) 838-2338
Fax (972) 837-2452

SMALL LEAK. EXTREME CONSEQUENCES.*

Under full water pressure, a leak from a

- 1/4" hole wastes 98,458 gallons per week.
- 3/16" hole wastes 55,500 gallons per week.
- 1/8" hole wastes 24,667 gallons per week.
- 1/16" hole wastes 6,167 gallons per week.

*Estimates based on a continuous leak at 60 psi water pressure.



Thinking of Updating Landscape?

Tips on Native Materials to Consider

If you are considering updating or changing your landscaping, choose "water wise" plants native to the North Texas area because native plants have built-in resistance to any potential drought. Native plants provide food and/or shelter for birds and butterflies and thrive without synthetic chemicals, thereby preserving water and soil quality. When arranged properly, native plants are low-maintenance and essentially improve air quality by eliminating the need for pollution-heavy, gas-powered maintenance equipment. The following list of plants is an excerpt from the Water IQ website:

Turfgrass

For sunny areas

- Buffalograss:
 - Excellent drought tolerance
 - Produces thin turf; may be left unmowed for a cushy, carpet-like effect
 - May be mowed less frequently than Bermuda or St. Augustine (approximately every three to four weeks versus every week)

For shady areas

- Texas Sedge (*Carex texensis*)
- Cedar Sedge (*Carex planostachys*)

Shrubs

Full sun to shade

- Coralberry (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*)

Full sun to shade, dry to moist soil

- Dwarf Palmetto (*Sabal minor*)

Trees

Full sun to shade

- Eve's Necklace (*Sophora affinis*)
- Possumhaw (*Ilex decidua*)

Volunteers Needed!

We Need You! If you are interested in serving on one of the City's six boards, you will need to submit an application and resume to the City Secretary's Office at the City of Melissa, P. O. Box 409, Melissa, TX 75454. You can find the application by going to our website at www.cityofmelissa.com and click on City Boards then follow the link to the application form. The City has current vacancies on the following boards:

- Planning and Zoning (2)
- 4B Development Corporation (1)

For more information, please call 972-838-2338.

Melissa Population Estimates

1990-2007

1990	557
2000	1,350
2006	2,900
2007	4,200