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an informational newsletter for Amarillo residents

CityWise

Managing The City's Water Distribution System

A two year project for the construction of the new high service pump station at the Osage Water Treatment Plant is progressing ahead of schedule.

Last spring, the City's Utility Division started construction on a new combined (transfer and high service) pump station at the Osage Water Treatment Plant.

The new pump station will have five pumps. Three are high service pumps designed to pressurize the majority of the City's water distribution system. Two of the pumps will be used to transfer water directly from the Osage Water Plant to a pump station on Arden Road, west of Coulter.

The project is financed under

the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and managed by the Texas Water Development Board. Through the special "provisional" ARRA loan, the City of Amarillo will save several million dollars over the life of the interest free 20 year loan.

PROJECT UPDATE

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The project is ahead of schedule, the contractors just installed a 36" transmission water main crossing Osage Street. The new main will connect the new pump station at the Osage Water Treatment Plant to an existing 36" water transmission main in Osage Street.

The metering system, piping that feeds the new pump station, and the wet well have been completed. The next activity scheduled, will be the construction of the Pump Station Building.

The project enhances the ability to move water into the distribution system, supply other pump stations across the City, and have alternate pumping sources for many years into the future.

For more information about this project, please call the City of Amarillo's Office of Community Relations at (806) 378-3549.



REDUCE YOUR USE: Every Drop Counts

Water is a precious resource in Amarillo and throughout the Texas Panhandle. Conserving water is the most effective and environmentally sound way to protect our water supply. The City of Amarillo continues to work towards securing additional water rights to ensure water supply for future generations.

It is important to protect our natural resource and we need help from everyone in Amarillo.

You can make a difference...**REDUCE YOUR USE.**

Find out how you and your family can conserve water indoors and outdoors with our Every Drop Counts Water Conservation Guide. To receive a copy of the guide and for more information about water conservation, please call (806) 378-6028 or visit www.amarillo.gov.

RAIN/FREEZE SENSOR REBATE PROGRAM



To encourage water conservation, the City of Amarillo offers a *Residential Rain/Freeze Sensor Rebate Program*.

Install a rain/freeze sensor to your existing sprinkler system to conserve water. This inexpensive technology saves precious water resources and reduces your water costs by preventing a system from running during or after a rain/freeze event.

Getting your rain/freeze sensor rebate is easy. Simply select, purchase and install a new sensor from the qualifying list. Complete and mail the rebate application along with copies of your receipt and proof of purchase. If accepted, rebate will be equal to the cost of the unit, up to a maximum of \$50 credit towards your utility bill. Customers can obtain a voucher (valid for 10 days) to reserve one of the rebates. Vouchers are available through the Utility Billing Dept., 509 SE 7th Ave or call 806-378-4241.

To be eligible, a resident must have an active City of Amarillo water utility account in good standing for the property where installation of the rain/freeze sensor is to occur. Limit one rain/freeze sensor for the lifetime of a residence. Please visit www.amarillo.gov for application and detailed program guidelines or call (806) 378-4241.



LAWN IRRIGATION

Overwatering with an automatic sprinkler system is the number one mistake that homeowners make when it comes to lawn care. Most irrigated lawns receive twice as much water than is actually needed, making lawns more susceptible to diseases, wasting water and money.



Amarillo used
an average of
43,228,493 gallons
of water per day
in 2010

Lawn watering uses approximately 5 to 20 gallons per minute. With an average time of 1 hour, that's up to 1,200 gallons being consumed!

LAWN TALK

*Make every drop count.
Water your lawn the right way.
Don't water your sidewalk.
Don't water your driveway.
They won't grow no matter
how much water you give them.*

5 Basic Steps For a Healthy Lawn

Don't water when it rains or freezes.

Use a rain/freeze sensor on your automatic irrigation.



Water deeply and water less often.

If your lawn springs back when you step on it, it doesn't need water.



Mow high and mow often

Try to keep your grass 1 1/2 to 3 inches long. This encourages a stronger root system and reduces evaporation.

Use mulch in flower beds

Helps retain moisture and control weeds.



Fertilize only as needed

Apply sparingly and follow the package labels carefully.

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**Your #1 way to
receive public warning**

An All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio provides comprehensive weather and emergency information including but not limited to –

- Severe Thunderstorms
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- Winter Weather Information
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- Public Safety
(911 outages, Amber Alerts, etc..)
- Wildfire Threat
- Evacuation Messages

Program the radio specifically for POTTER and/or RANDALL or any other county you would like to receive warnings for

Where To Buy?

Check your local retail or grocery store

Cable Television

Cut-In

The Office of Emergency Management will interrupt programming to provide information to viewers with local cable. Stay tuned to local TV and radio stations for additional information.



Outdoor Warning System

Designed to alert citizens who are outdoors not indoors

The Potter/Randall Area has over 88 sirens installed. The sirens will sound to alert citizens when:

- A TORNADO WARNING has been issued by the National Weather Service
- A tornado has been spotted by a trained storm spotter
- A radar indicated a tornado signature that suggests a tornado is occurring or likely to occur within minutes

Warning systems are tested the last Friday of the month at 11:30AM.

Severe weather information provided by the Amarillo/Potter/Randall Office of Emergency Management. More information is available at oem.amarillo.gov.

CityWise is a publication of the Office of Community Relations. For information or if you have suggestions, please call (806) 378-3549.