

This note is to communicate our position on water use by residents served by Horsepen Bayou MUD.

While we encourage water conservation, currently our residents are not required to adhere to the policies set forth recently by the City of Houston. While it is true that nearly all of our water currently comes from sources used by the City of Houston, we do not expect any change in the provision of that source.

Should this source fail, we are prepared to bring our local wells back online. We have maintained our wells and pumping capability for just such a possible event. At this point, there will not be mandatory conservation or citations for violations. **However**, we, as always, encourage voluntary water conservation.

### Background

Up until recently, water for our residents came primarily from underground sources. However this method caused concern for the long term stability when underground water levels drop. The West Harris County Regional Water Authority or WHCRWA ([www.whcrwa.com](http://www.whcrwa.com)) was created to provide a regional solution. The WHCRWA was created to provide surface water to the various MUD's , the reduction of groundwater withdrawals, and the reduction of subsidence caused by withdrawal of groundwater.

Currently about half of our (Horsepen MUD) water is surface water from lakes. This means that we are using about half of the pumping capacity available to us. We have ensured that this capacity can be brought online and is available if needed. We do not expect this to be necessary even with the City of Houston announcing a rationing policy. We have monitored capacity throughout the year and are prepared.

### Additional Note

We take this opportunity to ask you to notify the District's Operator, Municipal District Services, LLC at [info@municipaldistrictservices.com](mailto:info@municipaldistrictservices.com) or call 281-290-6507 should you find what looks like a water line break. The number of waterline breaks is up due to the shrinking soil resulting from lack of rain.

The following tips can help each of us be good water stewards during one of the most severe droughts in Texas history:

- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model.
- When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.

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