



Press Release

August 17, 2011

CONTACT: Estella Espinosa
 Work: (832) 395-7022
 Cell: (832) 465-4782

HPARD Implements Water Reduction Plan 18% Reduction in Consumption Anticipated

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department, in accordance with the City of Houston Stage Two Water Conservation Measures and in accordance with the procedures outlined in Chapter 47 in the Code of Ordinances, announced its Stage II Water Reduction Plan. The plan is anticipated to reduce the department's daily water usage by approximately 18%.

"As a department, we are feeling the effects this drought is having on our parks on a daily basis," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "However, we understand how important it is for each of us to step up to the plate and reduce our water consumption for the good of our city and all our citizens."

The facilities and/or systems that will be affected by this reduction include:

Category	Reduction Gallons per Day
Decorative Fountains (17 turned off, 8 lighted remain on – anticipated reduction based on reduction in evaporation due to spray features being turned off)	48,239
Water Spraygrounds (20 will remain open - anticipated reduction number based on reduced use by children when school starts)	125,000
Pools (38 total pools - anticipated reduction numbers based on implementation of Fall swim schedule with 17 pools closed, 20 to remain open on weekends only)	21,246
Irrigation (162 Sites parks, libraries, multi-service centers, & sports fields)	553,500
Golf Courses (8 – anticipated reduction based on reduced watering)	111,280
Estimated Daily Reduction (approximately 18%)	859,265

In addition to these facilities and/or systems, HPARD will be notifying the 184 organizations who participate in the department's Adopt-An-Esplanade Program. This program allows groups like civic clubs, homeowner associations, property management districts and others to adopt esplanades across Houston to help beautify the city. During this time, these organizations will be required to adhere to the City of Houston's Stage II Water Conservation Measures. This includes the repair of all detectible water leaks within 72 hours and limiting irrigation to 2 days a week from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. HPARD Quality Assurance Inspectors and Grounds Maintenance Crews will monitor for compliance in route to and from their regular maintenance sites.

"We appreciate each and every one of the organizations and groups who have adopted our city's esplanades," said Joe Turner, Director Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "We know that

the dedication they have shown by adopting our esplanades will be echoed in their efforts to reduce the overall water consumption in our city during this time."

Actual water savings amounts will be determined after the reduction in irrigation of adopted esplanades is in place.

The following fountains will remain on during HPARD’s Stage Two Water Reduction Plan:

Fountain	Location
Bloch	5000 Fannin
Bob Smith	1300 Smith
George Hermann	Fannin & MacGregor
Gus Wortham	2700 Allen Parkway
Mecom Fountain	5800 S. Main
Mecom Rockwell	5801 S. Main
Neuhaus	1020 Bagby
Tranquility (stacks turned off)	500 Rusk

The following fountains will be turned off during HPARD’s Stage Two Water Reduction Plan:

Fountain	Location
Arboretum	4501 Woodway
Bell	4800 Montrose
Bush	6001 Memorial Loop
City Hall	900 Smith
Guadalupe	2115 Runnels
Hyde Park	1300 Hyde Park
Jack Mitchell	6100 Fannin
Japanese Garden	6100 Fannin
Jesse Jones	6100 Fannin
Peggy Point	4228 Main
Police Memorial	1502 Memorial Drive
Scanlan	212 Dallas
Schnitzer	1502 Hermann Drive
Three Fountain – North	2100 Fountainview
Three Fountain – Center	
Three Fountain – South	2300 Fountainview

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 38,992 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.