

Neighbors, as you recall we posted a water conservation alert in the middle of August. This was due to a situation of continued drought conditions in Burnet County and historically high water consumption by the residents of Double Horn. This message provides an update on our water conservation situation. First, some facts:

- During the first 10 days of August we consumed 491,000 gallons of water. During the last 10 days of August after voluntary water conservation measures were in place we consumed 319,000 gallons, a **35% reduction in consumption – THANKS for your efforts!**
- The associated decrease in well depletion rates has allowed 2 of our 3 wells to recharge slightly. The third well lost about two feet of water, which is much better than the 14 foot loss experienced the prior month.
- Overall consumption in August was 1.13 million gallons compared to 1.45 million gallons in July. Still, we estimate that 695,000 gallons were used for irrigation in August.
- Rainfall in the 3-month period of June-August was 1.74 inches compared to 3.5 inches in May alone. The recent rainstorms in early September provided 3.29 inches. (Rainfall is measured at a station in our neighborhood near our well network.)

DHCWSC members, these facts lead us to believe the voluntary conservation measures are improving our situation. However, we ask that you **continue to voluntarily cease ALL outdoor irrigation other than household plants and handheld shrubbery watering.** Please do not top off or refill your swimming pools to offset evaporation or maintenance water loss. Of course, initial pool filling with DHCWSC water is prohibited in any circumstances.

We conclude this message with these thoughts to bear in mind:

- The “average” household of 2-4 occupants needs 6,000 to 12,000 gallons per month for essential kitchen, bathing, toilet, and drinking needs. Check your latest water bill. Are you exceeding this amount? You can conserve.
- Our well network is quite capable of providing water for everyone’s essential needs. However, excessive consumption for irrigation during the summer months stresses our system.

Please go to DHCWSC.com for more information about water conservation.

Sincerely,
Double Horn Creek Water Supply Corporation Board of Directors