

## **Rural Water District No. 5, Rogers County Water Shortage Action Plan**

For the purpose of ensuring that all customers of Rural Water District No. 5, Rogers County, The District, receive an equitable share of potable water to be used in accordance to the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the District, the following restrictions will be implemented. These restrictions shall be put into action and shall be enforced to prevent wide spread water service disruptions.

When restrictions are required to ensure water service in all portions of the District, any water user with an address ending in an even number will be allowed outside watering on even numbered calendar days. Any water user with an address ending in an odd number will be allowed outside watering on odd numbered calendar days.

### **Stage I. Voluntary Restrictions**

When the District's raw water supply shall be limited for any reason. When the District's water usage reaches 75% of its deliverability for 7 consecutive days.

All customers will be requested to limit outside watering, in accordance with the Water Shortage Action Plan, to the hours between midnight and noon on the appropriate days.

### **Stage II. Mandatory Restrictions**

When the District's raw water supply shall be limited for any reason. When the District's water usage reaches 80% of its deliverability for 7 consecutive days.

All customers shall be required and shall limit all outside watering for irrigation, in accordance with the Water Shortage Action Plan and the District's By-Laws, to the hours between midnight and noon on the appropriate days.

### **Stage III. Mandatory Restrictions - No outside irrigation - Livestock only**

When the District's raw water supply shall be limited for any reason. When the District's water usage reaches 85% of its deliverability for 7 consecutive days. All customers shall be required to curtail all outside watering for irrigation and shall limit the use of water for livestock to the appropriate days, in accordance with the Water Shortage Action Plan and the District's By-Laws.

### **Stage IV. Mandatory Restrictions - Domestic Use Only**

When the District's raw water supply shall be limited for any reason. When the District's water usage reaches 90% of its deliverability for 7 consecutive days. All customers shall cease all outside watering to conserve all potable water for domestic use only, in accordance with the Water Shortage Action Plan and the District's By-Laws.

## **Permitted Exceptions**

In mandatory restriction periods, II, III, and IV, the following exceptions will be permitted:

1. Commercial water use for construction, processing and public car washes.
2. Water use for the testing of irrigation systems or sprinkler systems provided the test shall not exceed 5 minutes in duration.
3. Water use by means of a bucket not to exceed a capacity of 5 gallons filled without the use of a hose.
4. Water used around the foundation of structures to prevent structural damage, between the hours of midnight and noon on the appropriate calendar days.
5. The use of water to alleviate immediate fire, health or safety hazards.

## **Enforcement and Penalties**

Any customer using District water in violation of any part of the Water Shortage Action Plan or By-Laws and Rules and Regulations shall be subject to termination of water service and shall be required to pay for any and all water used. Continued violation shall result in the forfeiture of that customer's Benefit Unit Certificate and the water meter shall be removed from that customer's property.

Adopted this 12th day of June, 2012, by the Board of Directors of Rural Water District No. 5, Rogers County, Oklahoma.

Signatures on file:

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## **Emergency Standby Water**

Rural Water District No. 5, Rogers County, purchases City of Tulsa water for use as an emergency standby water source. This takes place only in the event that our own water treatment plant cannot produce water. The City of Tulsa will be changing their treatment process in June of 2012 to include chloramines as a disinfectant. The use of chloramines may cause problems to persons dependent on dialysis machines.

Chloraminated water is safe to drink, cook with and bathe with. The chloramine must be removed from the water used for the dialysate. In addition, chloraminated water may be toxic to fish. Fish owners should make sure that the chemicals and filters being used are designed for water that has been treated with chloramines.

In the event of an emergency in which RWD #5 would use City of Tulsa water, there may be a slight taste and odor and possible discoloration for a short period of time. This will not compromise the safety of the water. Testing will be done to ensure that your drinking water is safe to use at all times.