

WATER WASTE PROHIBITION POLICY
CITY OF DEVINE
AS ADOPTED 04-04C

PURPOSE:

To curtail the waste of water thereby conserving and preserving the natural water resources. To strive to ensure that sufficient and safe water supplies will be available for the ever-increasing population growth of the City of Devine and future generations.

UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES:

The City considers the following water usage as unnecessary waste.

- Cleaning of gutters by flooding with water.
- Landscape watering between the hours of 10am and 8pm
- Landscaping with high water consumption plants.
- Aerial sprinkler systems.
- Removal of leaves, dirt, & other debris from patios, decks, sidewalks, driveways, carports, etc.
- Non-recycling decorative water fountains.
- Non-recycling water-use play equipment.
- Non-repair of water leaks.

STRATEGY:

Customers in the City of Devine service area have two potential sources of water supply: city water and private wells. Due to this diverse source of water, it is not feasible for the City to institute a policy that relies on “drive-by” type checking or “neighbor report neighbor” type of reporting, for wasting of water.

VIOLATIONS:

The City does not have the authority to levy fines or taxes. This makes it infeasible for the City to institute a policy of “charging” customers for violations of a Waste Water Prohibition Policy. The City also feels that this type of attempted control of water usage is detrimental to community well being and the trust that is prevalent here; the customers have proved to be the type of people that work together for the good of all. The City will therefore, continue to rely on the conservation nature of the customers to voluntarily comply with Water Waste Prohibition Policy.

END RESULT:

The Board of Directors is confident that necessary water curtailments can be accomplished by informing the customers of the area of water waste and educating them on the ways to conserve and preserve our water resources.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED ON THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2004.