

WATER WISE



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Special Utility District

Let Your Garden Grow!

Warmer spring temperatures outside finally have everyone thinking about gardening! Here are some great ways to get growing while also conserving water!

Plant Pointers:

- **Plant native and drought tolerant plants:** Don't waste your water on plants that aren't tough enough for Texas weather! Drought tolerant plants have natural features that minimize water loss and maximize water intake.
- **Plant in the early Spring or late Fall:** Getting plants in the ground before the heat of summer allows time to get established before it gets too hot.
- **Train the roots:** While plants are getting established, watering deeply is key to forming deep roots instead of wide. Be sure that water is getting several inches into the ground when watering.
- **Pull the weeds:** Make sure to keep plants clear of weeds that soak up precious nutrients and water from the soil.
- **Mulch isn't just for looks!:** If the soil gets hot, add mulch around the base of plants to reduce the temperature and help retain moisture around the base of the plant.
- **Mow high:** Leaving grass a little longer (about 2 inches) helps prevent moisture from evaporating from the soil



Watering Tips:

- **Update your irrigation system:** Install a rain sensor. This is an inexpensive addition that tells your irrigation system not to turn on if a certain amount of rain falls.
- **Let the grass rest:** In the winter, grass goes dormant as part of its natural growth process to conserve energy and survive cold temperatures. Though grass may appear brown and dead, the roots are still alive and well. Watering in the winter won't help your lawn, but it can lead to fungus and weeds! Try to hold off on watering your lawn until mid-April.
- **Know when to water:** Set your sprinklers and irrigation systems to automatically water at the best times.
- **Check out alternative watering methods:** Try building a rain barrel to capture and store rain for use in watering gardens and plants or install drip irrigation hoses throughout your gardens to conserve water and prevent evaporation from your irrigation systems.

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Jonah Water is hiring! Help us provide safe, high quality water services to our community in a fun and casual environment with great benefits! We're looking for new team members for the following roles:

- Maintenance Technician
- Meter Technician
- Field Crew - New Construction
- GIS Specialist
- GIS Technician

In order to better serve our customers and avoid confusion, the Jonah Water lock day for customers with unpaid bills will now be on the LAST WEDNESDAY of the month. The last day to pay bills each month will be on the last Tuesday of the month to avoid a lock on water meters. See below for the upcoming due dates.

Don't get caught off guard by a spring storm! Follow along with current weather conditions so you can stay prepared. You can also sign up for service alerts at www.JonahWater.com or follow Jonah Water on Facebook or Instagram for severe weather updates and announcements!



Upcoming Dates

| April | | | |
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| Thursday | Friday | Monday | Tuesday |
| April 6th | April 7th | April 17th | April 25th |
| Board of Director's Meeting, 12pm @ Jonah Water Office | Good Friday: Offices Closed | Monthly Bills Due | Last Day to Pay Monthly Bills to Avoid Shutoff |

| May | | | |
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| Thursday | Monday | Monday | Tuesday |
| May 4th | May 15th | May 29th | May 30th |
| Board of Director's Meeting, 12pm @ Jonah Water Office | Monthly Bills Due | Memorial Day: Offices Closed | Last Day to Pay Monthly Bills to Avoid Shutoff |

| June | | |
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| Thursday | Thursday | Tuesday |
| June 1st | June 15th | June 27th |
| Board of Director's Meeting, 12pm @ Jonah Water Office | Monthly Bills Due | Last Day to Pay Monthly Bills to Avoid Shutoff |

Stay In Touch!

Is your contact info up to date? Make sure to update your contact information online through our bill pay portal or give us a call at the office and we can update your account with a new address, phone number, and email!