

Residents of western Hays County are advised that beginning on August 1, 2011 the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (District) is enacting Order 150, Drought Critical Stage 3. This is a mandatory and enforceable 30% reduction of groundwater production for all "Non-Exempt" permit holders. If you do not have a permit with the District, you may be classified as an "Exempt" user. Exempt users are residential users of groundwater. The District is requesting that all Exempt groundwater users participate in drought conservation reducing their use by 30%. For those of you who receive water from a water supply company such as LCRA, Aqua Texas, Dripping Springs Water Supply Company, etc. the District asks that you follow their drought contingency plans throughout this drought. The present drought may be one of the worst if not the worst drought in history. We all must work together to reduce our groundwater use, educate neighbors and set examples for future generations. Please visit our website www.haysgroundwater.com for more information on how to conserve water, see monthly water levels or review drought triggers. Please also review the link to the U.S. Drought Monitor http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/pdfs/tx_dm.pdf. The link shows the condition of the drought throughout Texas as primarily D4, "Exceptional". The Texas Water Development Board estimates normal water use of 330 gallons per day per household though many subdivisions use much less, around 250 gallons per day. Understanding how much water you use per day is key to reducing your usage. Please help by doing your part for the aquifer and the community.