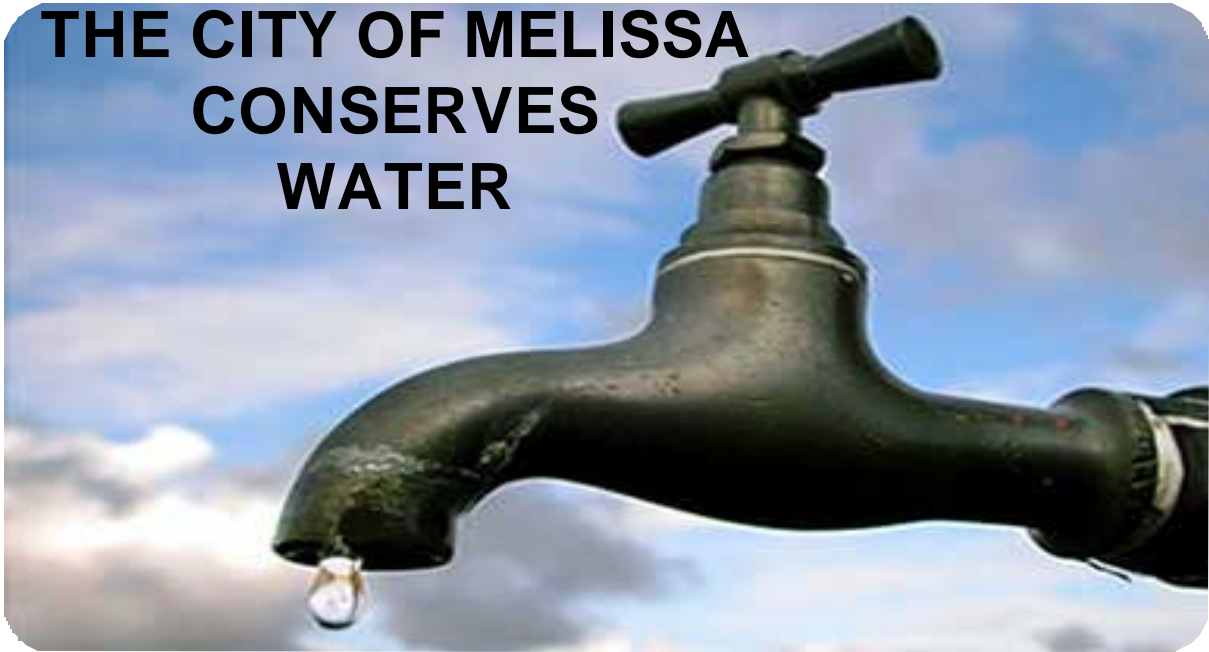


THE CITY OF MELISSA CONSERVES WATER



Water Conservation for a Better Tomorrow

We all know the saying, “if you don’t like the weather in Texas, wait a while, it’ll change.” From the earliest natives to the settlers that followed, Texans quickly learned that seasonal droughts and erratic weather are just part of living in this region. That’s why being smart with water use has been and still is a Texas tradition. Now more than ever, as our numbers grow, we’ve got to pull together and make the best of our water supply. Conserving water is easy, and the right thing to do.

Why Conserve?

According to the Texas State Water Plan, Texas’ population is projected to increase 90% by 2050 and total municipal water demand is projected to increase 67% by 2050. Even with the 13.5% water savings projected from conservation in the next fifty years, water supply from existing sources will meet only 75% of the projected water demand by 2050. We must use our precious water resources more efficiently or we will have more frequent and more severe water shortages, especially during droughts and periods of peak demand (like hot Texas summers). Using water more efficiently will not only save money, but more importantly, will help protect the quality of life of future generations.

Possible Savings with Water Conservation

Water efficient showerheads and aerators for faucets cost only a few dollars and can cut your water usage in half with no reduction in performance. Leaking faucets and toilets can waste thousands of gallons of water monthly, and are inexpensive to fix. A few small changes in your water-use habits can make a huge difference in water savings. In the summer, outdoor water use can account for 50% or more of total water use. With proper management, you can have a beautiful, healthy landscape and reduce your water use significantly.