

McKinney tightens water use 🗨️

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MCKINNEY - It was the worst drought in almost 50 years. Less than two years ago, Lavon Lake dropped more than 17 feet to a record low.

It's one of three water sources for the North Texas Municipal Water District, which called for mandatory water restrictions in 2006.

Since the lakes have returned to normal levels, the district mandate's over.

But to help avoid another water crisis, the city of McKinney is stepping up its municipal water control with more mandatory water restrictions for residents.

Starting Thursday, automated waterings will only be allowed two days a week in McKinney before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. The mandate lasts through September.

For those who get caught watering on off times, they could face fines of up to \$500 plus court costs.

Frisco has a similar ban from June through September. Residents in Frisco can water only between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

None of the other cities in the district have gone that far, at least not yet. Spokespeople for cities including Allen, Garland, Plano and Rockwall say they're just following the district's lead. While residents are encouraged to conserve, they can water anytime without facing a penalty.

Fort Worth and Dallas, although both outside the district, have similar restrictions.

Fort Worth enforces a year-round automated watering ban between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

In Dallas, the ban lasts from April through October.

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