

*Utility Billing*

## CITY OF CONROE

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Dear Citizen:

In the past, Montgomery County has been fortunate to have plentiful groundwater resources that we use to bathe, drink, cook and irrigate lawns. The rapid growth of the county has placed the groundwater aquifers, which supply our water resources, in a negative situation. They do not recharge fast enough to keep up an adequate demand for daily usage. For now and into the future, water conservation measures must be implemented to prevent the aquifers from reaching critical low levels. This could create a serious problem for the entire county, which would cause water shortages and water quality issues. Water conservation is the best cost free solution.

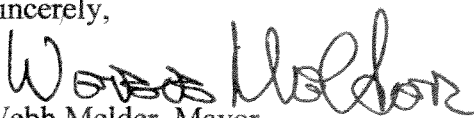
As you think about what can be done to conserve water, start with landscape irrigation. Sixty to eighty percent of water consumption is used for irrigation through sprinkler systems. About half of this water is wasted due to evaporation or water running off into the streets. Landscape irrigation tips include the following:

- Make sure sprinklers are aligned properly to water your lawn and not paved areas.
- Use no more than *one inch of water per week* on your lawn.
- Turn off your irrigation system when it rains.
- Lawns are dormant from late October to early May and need no water for irrigation.

How do these suggestions benefit you? A watering schedule that is both infrequent and deep encourages a deeper and healthier root system that is more drought tolerant and able to withstand effects of watering restrictions.

Join us in safeguarding the water supply for Montgomery County by adopting a water conserving lifestyle. Without conservation, water can become very costly. Your efforts are appreciated!

Sincerely,

  
Webb Melder, Mayor  
Conroe, Texas