Stage 3 Water Restrictions Enacted May 22, 2014

The City of Graham is implementing Stage 3 Water Restrictions effective today May 22, 2014. The goal of Stage 3 restrictions is to reduce water use by 20% from normal use.

Lake levels have continued to drop. The lake is now over 13 feet low and approximately 45% of capacity. The U.S. Drought Monitor places the area in an extreme to exceptional drought. Without sustained and substantial rainfall, forecasts are for continued decreases in lake levels through the summer and fall.

Stage 3 restrictions include reduced lawn watering to one day per week. Watering of lawns can only take place before 10 am and after 7 pm and only on the assigned watering days.

Addresses ending in Odd Numbers can water lawns during the designated hours on Wednesdays, and

Addresses ending in Even Numbers can water lawns during the designated hours on Thursday.

Sprinklers are not allowed on any day other than the assigned one day per week.

Bulk water sales from the two stations on SH 16 will be reduced from 7 days per week to 4 days per week, Monday through Thursday.

All wholesale customers such as Ft. Belknap Water Supply, Graham East Water Supply, City of Newcastle, City of Bryson, City of Throckmorton and users of raw water, such as Lakewood West and residents along Lake Graham, must adhere to these restrictions or higher level restrictions imposed by their local government.

Homeowners may continue to water plants, trees and shrubbery from a hand held hose, watering can or bucket at any time.

It is a violation of city code to waste water by allowing it to run down the gutter more than 50 feet when watering a lawn.

Violators of these restrictions and those wasting water are subject to fines.