



Raw water intake system.

Water Treatment Plant 4 On Schedule



Construction crews are working diligently to complete Water Treatment Plant 4 (WTP4), which will become Austin's third active water treatment plant. The facility will begin operating in mid-2014.

Raw Water Intake System

The raw water intake system, located just below The Oasis restaurant, northwest of RM 620 and west of Oasis Bluff Drive, is one very visible sign of construction on WTP4. Construction progress can be seen from the deck of restaurant. Crews are currently working from three large, elevated temporary platforms to secure the permanent intake structure into the lakebed.



Austin Water employees stand proud at the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant.

Consumer Confidence Report In the Mail Next Month

Austin Water will be mailing this year's consumer confidence report, which provides facts about the safety and quality of your drinking water, and the compliance standards that we meet. In the past, Austin Water has included this report in your Utility bill. This year we will mail the report and include a brochure highlighting some of the many services Austin Water offers. Expect the report in your mailbox on or before July 1.

This report can also be viewed on our web site at: www.austintexas.gov/department/drinking-water-quality-report



Austin Water web site



Joint Committee on Austin Utility's Financial Plan Moves Forward

City staff is working with the Joint Committee to develop recommendations for short and long term Austin Water financial plans. The goal is to strengthen the financial stability of Austin Water while continuing the City's goals of affordable water rates and increased conservation. The Joint Committee includes the Resource Management Commission, the Water and Wastewater Commission and the Impact Fee Advisory Committee along with input from the public. Meetings began on November 7, 2011, and will continue through May 30, 2012. Meetings are held at Austin Water's Waller Creek facility, 625 E. 10th Street. Additional information on the meetings can be found at www.austintexas.gov/department/joint-subcommittee

Water Conservation Code Revision Picks Up Speed

Despite the recent rains, Central Texas is still in a severe drought. Austin's current Water Conservation Code was not designed for long-term drought situations. For this reason, Austin Water began a process to revise the restrictions to make them adaptable to long-term drought scenarios.

Austin Water began by seeking input from the public and interested stakeholders, holding a series of four workshops. The customers spoke and Austin Water listened. Customers wanted the water use regulations to strike a balance between protecting Austin's precious water resource, its unique environment and the personal investments of its residents and businesses. The meetings were well attended and participants were asked to engage in a number of exercises designed to restructure the code and the water use restrictions for the various stages of drought.

While the public meetings are complete, Austin Water will continue to accept public comment on our website and through SpeakUpAustin.org. Once the public input is in place and the revised language drafted, the revised code will make its way through the City's adoption process. We hope to have the Code before City Council in late May.

One Day Watering ONLY

RESIDENTIAL ODD ADDRESS	RESIDENTIAL EVEN ADDRESS	COMMERCIAL, MULTIFAMILY ODD ADDRESS	COMMERCIAL, MULTIFAMILY EVEN ADDRESS
<small>AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEMS: BEFORE 10 A.M. HOSE-END SPRINKLERS, SOAKERS: BEFORE 10 A.M. or AFTER 7 P.M.</small>			
Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday	Friday

REPORT VIOLATIONS TO 3-1-1



Fix leaky or dripping faucets promptly. Plumbing leaks account for appr. 14% of water consumed in the home.

Remember the 3C's, Commit, Calculate and Conserve



Commit

Decide to change a few habits, make some simple repairs, or upgrade and appliance or two. That's all it takes to make a big difference in your water use.

Calculate

Use our online water calculator and take the 10% water saving pledge. Check out our new simple ways to save water tips and our water conservation checklist.

Conserve

If everyone in our area reduced their water use by 10%, we would save more than 13 million gallons of water per day! It's up to us to help ensure safe, high-quality drinking water for the future.



Water Conservation web site



Simple ways to save water - pools and more.

NEW! Simple Ways to Save Water and Water Conservation Checklist



Austin Water has created a list of simple ways to save water. These are broken down into categories including laundry rooms, kitchens, bathrooms, pools and fountains, lawns, plants and irrigation. These water-saving suggestions cost little or nothing and don't require a major lifestyle shift—just a little change in your normal routine. Small water savings can add up over the course of a year. Also, free low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators are available for Austin Water customers. Just stop by the water conservation office at 625 E. 10th street or call 974-2199.

Saving water is easier than you think!