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New Braunfels Utilities Announces the End of Stage 2 and Return to Stage 1 Water Restrictions

(New Braunfels, TX – October 5, 2018) – Due to recent rains and cooler temperatures, New Braunfels will terminate Stage 2 drought restrictions and return to Stage 1 effective immediately. The J-17 Well has remained above the trigger level of 650 ft. that required New Braunfels to enter Stage 2 on June 7, 2018. Defined by the City Ordinance, once a trigger level is reached and a drought stage is declared, the Aquifer readings must remain above the declared trigger level for more than 30 consecutive days before it can be rescinded.

As of Friday, October 5, 2018, the J-17 Well was recorded at 676.5 ft. If the Aquifer continues current trends, it is possible that New Braunfels could enter non-drought stage within the next 10 days.

“New Braunfels and the surrounding communities have received significant rainfall over the past few weeks which has helped the Edwards Aquifer to recover,” said Ian Taylor, CEO of New Braunfels Utilities. “As we return to Stage 1, it is important to note that, regardless of the water stage, being good environmental stewards of water resources is more important than ever.”

During Stage 1 drought restrictions, customers are allowed to use a sprinkler or irrigation system one day per week based on the last digit of their address as long as they do so before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. These restrictions apply to both residential and commercial customers alike. The schedule requirements for landscape water and other outdoor water use are as follows:

Addresses ending 0 or 1: Monday
Addresses ending 2 or 3: Tuesday
Addresses ending 4 or 5: Wednesday
Addresses ending 6 or 7: Thursday
Addresses ending 8 or 9: Friday

Watering with a hand-held hose, bucket, soaker hose, or a drip irrigation system is allowed any time on any day during Stage 1. The ordinance prohibits outdoor fountains and waterfalls and requires a variance confirmation from the NBU Environmental Affairs for watering new landscaping, and limits vehicle washing at home to watering days and times over a pervious surface.

The latest watering information can be accessed 24-hours a day by visiting www.nbutexas.com or calling the NBU Water Hotline at 830.608.8925. New Braunfels water usage guides are available at the NBU Main Office as well as the NBU web site under the Conservation tab.

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About New Braunfels Utilities:

Dedicated to excellence in service, New Braunfels Utilities is one of 2,000 community-owned, not-for-profit public power electric utilities in the nation. The mission of New Braunfels Utilities is to enhance the quality of our community by providing innovative, essential services. Governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of local residents appointed by the New Braunfels City Council, New Braunfels Utilities is committed to being a recognized and trusted community partner, providing electric, water, and waste water services. Utility revenues are continually invested back into the systems of the customers, which benefits the community. New Braunfels Utilities makes an annual transfer to the City of New Braunfels, which in turn helps to pay for services such as fire, police, and parks. Follow NBU on Facebook at [newbraunfelsutilities](https://www.facebook.com/newbraunfelsutilities), on Twitter at [nbutility](https://twitter.com/nbutility), and to learn more visit nbutexas.com.

