

Ruby Ranch Water Supply Corporation

26550 Ranch Road 12 Unit 1
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

***CRITICAL STAGE DROUGHT NOTICE ***

April 25, 2013

To All Ruby Ranch Water Utility Customers:

On April 17, 2013 the Barton Springs / Edwards Aquifer Conservation District declared a **Critical Stage Drought** which requires the Utility to enact the following provisions of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Effective immediately, the following **mandatory water restrictions / rationing** apply to all Ruby Ranch WSC customers:

- **Lawn or landscape watering is permitted only by hand-held hoses with automatic shutoff devices.**
- Per capita consumption of water is limited to no more than 3000 gallons per month, (*i.e.* 3000 gallons per household member per month).
- Washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes and other types of mobile equipment are prohibited.
- The filling, refilling, or adding of potable water to swimming or wading pools is prohibited.
- Special watering exceptions will not be granted for new landscapes installed.
- Non-essential use, *i.e.* decorative fountains, prohibited.
- A drought surcharge will be added to customers' water bills for usage in excess of 10,000 gallons per month.
- The following critical stage water rates will take effect for usage after the May meter reading (estimated to be May 17, 2013). The statement received about July 1, 2013 will reflect these increased rates. The current Alarm stage rates and the Critical stage rates are shown below:

The base rate is \$40.00 and includes 2,000 gallons.

	<u>Cost Per 1,000 gallons</u>	
	<u>Alarm</u>	<u>Critical</u>
<u>2,001 to 10,000</u>	\$3.00	\$3.00
<u>10,001 to 15,000</u>	\$4.00	\$6.00
<u>15,000 to 20,000</u>	\$6.50	\$10.50
<u>20,001 to 30,000</u>	\$11.00	\$17.00
<u>30,001 to 50,000</u>	\$17.50	\$20.50
<u>50,001 to 100,000</u>	\$22.00	\$27.00
<u>100,000 up</u>	\$30.00	\$35.00

The water situation in the aquifer has now become critical. Please make every effort to help us conserve water until the drought has ended.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this difficult time.