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SEPTEMBER 13TH – PROTECT YOUR GROUNDWATER DAY, A PERFECT TIME TO LEARN TO CONSERVE.

The Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District encourages Montgomery County citizens to spread the word on water conservation on Tuesday, September 13th, for Protect Your Groundwater Day.

Nearly the entire water demand in Montgomery County is supplied by groundwater from the Gulf Coast Aquifer System. While steps are being taken to convert to alternate, non-groundwater sources, the fact remains that we depend on groundwater for our daily needs and it is important to do all that we can to minimize its use. In addition to local restrictions, here are a few basic indoor and outdoor water conservation tips:

- * Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering your indoor plants or garden.
- * Repair dripping faucets and toilets. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water a year.
- * Retrofit all household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictors.
- * Choose appliances that are water and energy-efficient.
- * Don't run a faucet when you're not using the water, such as while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- * Only run the dishwasher when it is fully loaded, and use the "light wash" feature, if available, to use less water.
- * Store drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap until the water is cool.
- * Avoid wasting water waiting for it to get hot. Capture it for other uses such as plant watering.
- * Operate clothes washers only when they are fully loaded, or set the water level to match the size of your load.
- * Plant native and/or drought-tolerant grasses, ground cover, shrubs, and trees. Once established, they do not need water as frequently and usually will survive a dry period.
- * Install irrigation devices that are the most water efficient for each use. Micro and drip irrigation and soaker hoses are examples of efficient devices.
- * Use mulch to retain moisture in the soil.

* Use a shutoff nozzle on the hose that can be adjusted down to a fine spray.

* Position sprinklers so that water lands on the lawn and shrubs and not on paved areas.

For more information on the conservation of water, no matter the source, go to www.lonestargcd.org.

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