

A Message From Woodcreek Mayor Jeff Rasco

Mother Nature seems to have Woodcreek in her crosshairs. In February we were inundated with ice and suffered catastrophic damage to trees and property. Members of your City Council and City Staff, along with so many neighbors, were literally out at dawn on the first day of the storm, clearing streets, drives and walks throughout the city (and we kept it up for weeks). Thanks to the quick thinking of City Manager Kevin Rule, our trash pickup vendor Waste Connections was contacted immediately, and arrangements made to begin picking up the brush piles. It took massive amounts of work, but Woodcreek was the envy of Hays County based on our pulling together on a massive cleanup.

Now, just 6 months later, we have another huge problem with precipitation. We don't have any of it!

We are in the midst of an exceptional drought and at Stage 4 water restrictions as ordered by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) and Aqua Texas, our water and wastewater services provider. It was front page news this morning in the Austin American-Statesman that Jacob's Well has pretty much dried up and other popular swimming holes in Central Texas are also in grave danger. All you have to do is look outside and it's clear we're suffering.

Neighbors, we MUST pull together again for the sake of our city and the entire valley. Cutting your water use by 40% is a big ask, but not impossible. First of all, **DO NOT WATER ANY OUTDOOR VEGETATION**, a huge use of our water resources. Your water service could be curtailed or even shut off for overuse. There are many other tips we'll be sharing over the coming weeks, and I know we can do this. We are working very closely with Aqua Texas, the Watershed Association, HTGCD, the City of Wimberley and Hays County, among others, to protect our water now and for generations to come.

If we can come out of Storm Mara as well as we did, I have no doubts we can weather this drought, too.
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