****REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WATER CONSERVATION HOTLINE FOR CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS! 214-509-3111. Call for recorded information on our current drought status before you water your landscape! Or check website: www.cityofallen.org**

Keep Irrigation Controllers OFF during winter and only use manual when needed!

Warm season turfgrasses such as Bermuda and St. Augustine go dormant after the first frost and may only require water once per month when conditions are extremely dry. Check soil moisture levels before applying water. Check the weather forecast to insure temperatures will remain above freezing levels before turning your system to run. By watering only when absolutely needed, you will save thousands of gallons during the winter months, and help to prolong our water supply!

RE-duce, RE-use & RE-cycle Resolutions for the New Year!

'Tis the season to celebrate and **RE-new**. Resolve to make small changes in your lifestyle to reduce your carbon footprint in 2013:

RE-duce & RE-use

- Use cloth shopping bags…keep them in the front seat of your car so they'll always be handy!
- Use a ceramic or glass coffee mug at work and at home.
- Use fabric cleaning cloths instead of paper towels. Worn-out t-shirts work great!
- Compost food waste in a home composter.
- Reduce the use of pesticides and other hazardous household chemicals by using safer substitutes instead.
- Use biodegradable laundry soap rather than petroleum-based detergents.

RE-cycle

- Recycle plastic and glass bottles, metal cans, junk mail, newspaper, office paper and cardboard in Allen's single stream program! Be sure to buy products made from recycled materials.

For more information about waste reduction and to find out if you're a "waste-wise wannabe" or a "waste-wise warrior", google "Use Less Stuff" and check out their ideas to **RE-duce** and **RE-use**!