

**\*\*\*APRIL 1-OCTOBER 31 EACH YEAR DAYTIME WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT! NO WATERING BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 6 P.M. REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WATER CONSERVATION HOTLINE FOR CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS! 214-509-3111. Call for recorded information on our current water plan status before you water your landscape! Or check website: [CityofAllen.org/WaterConservation](http://CityofAllen.org/WaterConservation)**



**Need to know how to water once or twice a week effectively with irrigation controllers? Use the Cycle-Soak method!** This method of irrigation applies water slowly so the soil can actually absorb all that is applied. Instead of running each sprinkler zone for 15 or 20 minutes each, run each zone only the amount of time that the soil can absorb the water (which means it's not running off onto the sidewalk or street). Depending on the slope of the yard, this could vary widely from zone to zone, and could be as few as 3 minutes. Residents will have to test each one of their zones to see when the water begins to run off. Check our outdoor watering page for more information: [CityofAllen.org/WaterConservation](http://CityofAllen.org/WaterConservation)



Did you know? Just one of the spray sprinklers in your irrigation system can be using as much as 3 gallons per minute? In this picture, the irrigation zone has 3 spray heads using 3 gallons per minute, and 2 spray heads using 1.5 gallons per minute. That zone is using 12 gallons per minute! What? You have 10 of these zones in your landscape? That's 120 gallons for each minute. The controller is set for 10 minutes for each zone 2 times per week. That equates to **2400 gallons each week!** Wow that is a lot of water. Learn more: [CityofAllen.org/WaterConservation](http://CityofAllen.org/WaterConservation) Look at conserving outdoors page. Also sign up for the monthly newsletter. **HIGH BILLS? UTILITY RATES: [CityofAllen.org/UtilityServiceRates](http://CityofAllen.org/UtilityServiceRates)**

## “Know What to Throw” Spotlight

**The Blue Cart is for Recycling!** Recyclables should be empty, clean, dry and loose; shredded paper should be in clear bags (tied).

- DO Recycle Cardboard (flattened). For large boxes flatten and stack them, tie with biodegradable twine to keep them together, and set out at least 2 ft. from cart(s) for collection with yard waste.
- DO NOT Recycle Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) – Instead place masks, gloves and other PPE in a trash bag in your trash cart.
- DO NOT recycle yard waste (including planting pots, pallets, empty soil bags and yard trimmings). Yard trimmings (grass, leaves, twigs) should be placed in biodegradable paper lawn bags to be composted.

**Take the Recycling Quiz: <http://www.timetorecycle.com/knowwhattothrow/>**



**Please bag and tie all trash for personal and driver safety and to help prevent litter caused by spring winds!**