

*****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**

Spring/Summer Lawn Tips:

- ✓ Mow at proper height! Lawns do not have to be scalped very short in the spring, but should be mowed properly all year according to variety. Grass varieties: St. Augustine and Buffalo= 3-4 inches; Bermuda= 1-2 inches; Centipede and Zoysia =2-3 inches. Regular mowing should begin when grass is coming out of dormancy in the spring.
- ✓ Fertilize only after the dormant grass is green and growing! This normally occurs only after the soil temperatures have warmed past 65 degrees, generally late April-May1. Once you have mowed green growing grass (not weeds) at least twice, fertilize by using a slow-release form of nitrogen, according to label directions, but using no more than 1 pound of actual nitrogen per 1000 square feet. Excess nitrogen use can pollute our water supply when it runs off of lawns into storm drains. Refer: <http://aggieturf.tamu.edu> for more turfgrass recommendations.
- ✓ Know your sprinkler system to give proper water for your lawn. Register for class May 4 Water Wise Irrigation Workshop: <http://dallas.tamu.edu/courses>



Get in the swing of things and spruce-up your spring landscape! The City of Allen has several options to handle residential yard trimmings, brush and leaves. CWD provides tied and bundled weekly brush and bagged leaf collection (15 bags maximum), same weekday as your trash collection. They also provide once monthly service (Wednesdays) for large amounts of loose brush. Call CWD to schedule the monthly service. Additionally, residents may access Custer Road's Wood Grinding Facility twice per month at no charge. Please check for important details about these options at <http://www.cityofallen.org/index.aspx?nid=1398>

Your residential yard trimmings are recycled into compost. One cubic yard of free compost (per month) is available at the Jupiter Road compost site every weekend on a first-come-first-served basis. Compost from Allen's curbside collection is also available from Texas Pure Products. For more information about compost go to: www.texaspureproducts.com