***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

***Need to know how to water once a week effectively with irrigation controllers? Use the Cycle-Soak method! 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. Once you have determined the maximum amount of water each zone can take before runoff, split the total irrigation time and program multiple start times on the controller. Typically, you should wait 15 to 30 minutes from the finish of the last irrigation zone, to begin the next run time on the controller. For example, if your zone was normally scheduled for 15 minute run time, and you find you have runoff at 5 minutes, reduce the runtime to 5 minutes and schedule 3 consecutive start times, each new start time beginning within 15 to 30 minutes of the last zone finish time. Start times between midnight and 6 a.m. is best. For more information on how to save water with your irrigation system, please watch the video on our website "Conservation Made Easy": www.CityOfAllen.org/WaterConservationVideo



Safe Household Hazardous Waste (Chemical) Disposal

Protect your drinking water source! The City of Allen will pick up your household chemical waste (Household Hazardous Waste or HHW) for proper disposal. Remember...anything that goes down the storm drain ends up in the lake – the source of your drinking water. And, if poured down household drains, these chemicals can't be removed from water in normal wastewater processing. Household chemicals in the trash can cause truck fires or, when compacted in the truck, can leak out onto the street and into the storm drain during a rainstorm event. Proper disposal of household chemicals is essential!

Since 2001 when the program began, the City of Allen has collected from 18,445 residences. During the year 2012, 10,149 pounds of chemicals were reused instead of disposed. To peruse the selection of free chemicals, visit the COA Chemical Reuse Center (CRC) at the Municipal Service Center, 900 Greenville Ave, on Thursdays from noon until 2:00 pm, and the third Saturday of the month from 9 am – 11 am. The CRC cannot accept drop-off chemicals.

To schedule your HHW pickup in Allen or find more information, find us online at www.CityOfAllen.org/HHW-request or call 214-509-3100.