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College Station Water Services offers a free irrigation system check-up. This check-up helps locate leaks, identify broken or misdirected sprinkler heads, review how well your irrigation controller works and suggests run times for your lawn.

To schedule a check-up, call 979.764.6223 or email Jennifer Nations at jnations@cstx.gov. Please type "Irrigation Check-Up" in the subject line.

MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT

>> College Station Water Services offers no-cost water usage checkups for residential and commercial customers. You'll also learn about efficient water use on landscapes.

>> Rebates are available to customers who replace old toilets that use more than 3.5 gallons per flush with new WaterSense-labeled toilets that use 1.28 gallons or less.

>> Rebates are available for the purchase of rainwater collection barrels of 30 or more gallons. They don't even have to contain rain to qualify – they just need to be hooked up and ready when the rain falls.

>> The City of College Station is a partner in the Environmental Protection Agency WaterSense program, which promotes efficient products and practices. WaterSense-labeled products use at least 20 percent less water while performing as well as, or better than, conventional models.

Learn more about Smart Irrigation Month at smartirrigationmonth.org. Find more about water conservation and rebates at cstx.gov/water.

The Irrigation Association has named July Smart Irrigation Month to raise awareness of the benefits of efficient watering practices. Outdoor water usage accounts for up to 80 percent of home water use in the summer. Much of this is wasted through poor practices such as letting the water run onto the sidewalk, driveway or street. Automated irrigation systems offer convenience while protecting your landscape investment. Unfortunately, they are often used in a "set it and forget it" manner, resulting in improper watering and run-off. A well-maintained system, however, keeps your landscape beautiful and healthy, while minimizing water waste.

DOES YOUR GRASS NEED WATER?

Many lawns receive double the water amount needed to maintain a healthy turf. To determine if your grass needs water, give your lawn the footprint test: If you leave footprints on the grass after walking on it, it's time to water. If the grass springs back, just relax and enjoy your beautiful turf.

Watering too much or too frequently results in shallow roots, weed growth, disease and fungus. For a healthier landscape, water

deeply, as infrequently as possible. Setting your system to run for three, 5-minute intervals lets the soil absorb more water than watering for 15 minutes at one time.

SUMMER WATER DOs & DON'Ts

To help avoid water waste this summer, the City of College Station offers these suggestions:

- DON'T water your lawn between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- DON'T operate an irrigation system with sprinkler heads that are broken or out of adjustment.
- DON'T allow water to run off your property or allow water to pond in the street or parking lot.
- DO mulch around trees and plants to retain soil moisture and to prevent evaporation.
- DO cover hot tubs and pools to reduce evaporation losses.
- DO use a broom, not a hose, to clean your driveway, patio or sidewalk.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM CHECK-UP

To help residents identify irrigation problems that may be wasting water,

QUICK LINKS

College Station Water Services
cstx.gov/water

CFL & LED Lighting Rebates

Available to CSU residential customers

Home lighting costs can account for almost 15 percent of your electric bill each month. Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and Light Emitting Diode lamps (LEDs) can reduce these lighting costs by as much as 75 percent without reducing your lighting output. CFL and LED lights produce less heat than the standard incandescent lights, thus reducing unwanted summer heat gain in your home that puts additional strain on your air conditioner.

CFL and LED Lighting rebates are available to College Station Utility residential customers. CSU will credit your electrical account \$1 for every incandescent light bulb that you replace with a CFL and \$2 for the replacement with an LED. Each customer can receive up to \$20 during a 12-month period. In order to see the most benefits, it is recommended to replace lights that are most used in your home first, then replace the rest as they go out.

To learn more about residential CFL & LED lighting rebates, visit cstx.gov/utilities.

Summer Pool Events

Family Activities in June & July

June 1 | Back to Pools Day

Beach-themed party with games from 2-4 p.m. at Adamson Lagoon.

June 5 | Aquatic Honor Roll

A/B CSISD honor roll gets in free at all pools! Must bring report card.

June 6, 13, 20 & 27 | July 11, 18 & 25 | Family Swim Nights

Families receive half-price admission at Adamson Lagoon from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

June 12 | CSISD School T-Shirt Day

Half-price admission at Adamson Lagoon with a CSISD school shirt.

June 16 | Happy Father's Day

Dads get in free at all pools.

June 19 | Shipwrecked Lagoon

Dress like a pirate and get in free from 2-4 p.m. at Adamson Lagoon.

June 26 | Treasure Hunt

Pirate games 2-4 p.m. at Adamson Lagoon.

July 4 | Independence Day Celebration

All pools will operate 12-6 p.m.

Itsy-Bitsy-Tiny-Cutie Bathing Beauty & Handsome Summer Boy Contest, games every hour, duck derby, noodle races, \$1 hot dogs and more at Adamson Lagoon!

July 10 | Atlantis Day

Dress like your favorite underwater character and get in free from 2-4 p.m. at Adamson Lagoon.

July 17 | Two Can Swim

Bring in two canned goods for half-price admission at Adamson Lagoon from 2-4 p.m. Proceeds benefit Brazos Valley Food Bank.

July 24 | Double Dip Day

Free ice cream with admission at Adamson Lagoon from 2-4 p.m.

July 31 | Christmas in July

Christmas carols, pictures with Santa and ornament decorating at Adamson Lagoon from 2-4 p.m.

Summer Pool Hours

June 1 - Aug. 25

ADAMSON LAGOON

General Public | TUE-THU | 1-7 p.m.

General Public | FRI | 2-7 p.m.

General Public | SAT-SUN | 12-7 p.m.

Regular Admission \$6

Sunset Hours (TUE-FRI, 5-7 p.m.) \$3

Discount Pass (25 swims) \$100

Individual Pass \$125

Family Pass \$250 (up to 5 members)*

CINDY HALLARAN POOL *see prices below*

Adult Lap Swim | MON, WED-FRI | 6-10 a.m.

General Public | MON, WED-FRI | 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

General Public | SAT-SUN | 12-7 p.m.

THOMAS POOL

General Public | MON-TUE, THU-FRI | 12-6:30 p.m.

General Public | SAT-SUN | 12-7 p.m.

Regular Admission \$3

Discount Pass (25 swims) \$50

Individual Pass \$75

Family Pass \$150 (up to 5 members)*

*Add \$25 for each additional member

events

June-July

June 8 | Starlight Music Series at Wolf Pen Creek | Midnight Express, with guest The Razz Band | cstx.gov/starlight

June 8-9 | Rod Run at Stephen C. Beachy Central Park | bluebonnetstreetrodders.com

June 13, 17 & 19 | Juneteenth Celebrations | cstx.gov/lincolncenter

June 13 | Freedom Walk Route from LRC to the George Bush Library and Museum in honor of freedom of Texas slaves.

June 17 | Praises at the Pavilion – Join us at W.A. Tarrow Pavilion for praises through songs of gospel.

June 19 | Family Fun Night Carnival – A night of family recreation and down home fun at the Lincoln Recreation Center. Music, amusement jumps, games and good times!

June 27 | CSFD Ice Cream Social for Seniors at Southwood Community Center | 979.764.6351 or mrodgers@cstx.gov

July 4 | Happy Independence Day! City Offices Closed. No Recycling. All other sanitation services will be collected as normal.

July 11 | Self Defense for Seniors at Southwood Community Center | 979.764.6351 or dalbrecht@cstx.gov

For more summer library events, visit bcslibrary.org.

For more events, visit:

cstx.gov/calendar