



NOTICE

NEW LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION ORDINANCE GOES INTO EFFECT

On February 17, 2009, the Grapevine City Council approved an ordinance regulating landscape irrigation. This was in response to State Law requiring all municipalities to adopt landscape irrigation rules developed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The Landscape Irrigation Ordinance and Irrigation Ordinance Summary can be viewed at www.grapevintexas.gov/Portals/0/Irrigation%20Requirements.pdf

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules may be viewed at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/compliance/compliance_support/regulatory/irrigation/forms li/li_prog/am.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/compliance/compliance_support/regulatory/irrigation/forms/li/li_prog/am.html)

The new irrigation ordinance will help protect citizens and property owners in Grapevine by ensuring that systems are designed and installed properly, and that water conservation methods are employed.

Some notable requirements of the Landscape Irrigation Ordinance include: Permits are required for all irrigation systems installations. Comprehensive irrigation plans to be submitted to the city (signed and sealed by a license irrigation contractor, unless prepared by a homeowner for their homestead), specific installation and testing requirements for backflow prevention devices, and system installation requirements including water conservation measures.

It should also be noted that City Ordinance requires Rain and Freeze Sensors be installed on all irrigation systems, and existing commercial irrigation systems are required to be retrofitted with Rain and Freeze Sensors.

Please note that State Law and City Ordinance prohibit all irrigation systems from discharging water onto paved surfaces. Please check your irrigation system to make sure that it is not spraying water onto streets, sidewalks and driveways. This is not only wasteful, but potentially dangerous in freezing weather. Failure to comply with this ordinance could result in the issuance of citations.

Please contact the Building Inspection Department at (817) 410-3165 if you have any questions about these requirements.

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