# QUARTERLY RAWS NEWSLETTER

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Water
Supply is
happy to
announce
that we are
officially
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### **DROUGHT INFORMATION**

As a reminder, RAWS is still in Stage 1 of the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP).

As temperatures continue to rise, and unfortunately, the future weather forecast is predicting little to no rain for our water shed so it is extremely important that we continue to closely follow the DCP which can be found here:

https://www.rawscorp.com/documents/89/River Acres Water Supply Corporation Drought Contingency Plan 2021.pdf

Please note that as the stages of the DCP increase, a potential rate increase will take place in accordance to the DCP as well.

Remember, designated watering days are ONLY allowed on your trash pickup day in your area. Watering of any kind is prohibited on any other day.



**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

# Regular Scheduled Board Meetings:

06.20.23

07.18.23

08.15.23

Office Closures: Tuesday, July 4th

# After Hour Water Leaks

There have been no after-hour leaks since the last newsletter.

### 2023 Director Election

The 2023 Director Election was declared unopposed. David Wishard, John Fernan and Janine Pruski will serve an additional 3 years on the Board of Directors

**JUNE 2023** 

#### TEMPORARY DISINFECTANT CONVERSION FROM CHLORAMINE TO FREE CHLORINE

The River Acres Water Supply public water system, (PWS) ID TX1780013, will temporarily convert the disinfectant used in the distribution system from chloramine to free chlorine. The conversion will begin on 06/19/2023 and continue through 07/09/2023. During this period, you may experience taste and odor changes associated with this type of temporary disinfectant conversion. Public water systems are required to properly disinfect their water and maintain an adequate disinfectant residual in the distribution system. Chloramine, free chlorine combined with ammonia, is widely used as a disinfectant because it persists for long periods while also limiting the formation of disinfection byproduct contaminants. Prolonged use of chloramine coupled with other factors that can impact water quality, such as high temperatures or stagnation of water, may result in the growth and/or persistence of organic matter within the pipes of the distribution system, which may hinder the ability to maintain an adequate disinfectant residual. A temporary conversion to free chlorine, partnered with flushing activities, helps to rid distribution pipes of this organic matter, and improve the quality of your water overall.

River Acres Water Supply has chosen to implement a temporary disinfectant conversion to free chlorine based on the following: TCEQ considers this conversion to free chlorine each year as normal practice and is recommended to properly clean and disinfect the system. THIS IS NOT DUE TO ANY HARMFUL IMPURITIES IN THE SYSTEM, this is simply a routine procedure implemented each year. If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Kaylee Reed at (361)-387-2614. This information and a Chlorine Conversion FAQ sheet has been posted on our website. The direct link is https://www.rawscorp.com/all-forms-and-reports.



### **LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK!**

It is **NEVER** safe to leave a toddler, disabled person or pet locked in a car, even in the winter. If you have a toddler in your household, lock your cars, even in your own driveway. Kids play in cars or wander outside and get into a car and can die in 10 minutes! Based on data from 1998-2022, an average of an average of 38 childhood heatstroke fatalities occur each year.

Visit <a href="https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat-children-pets">https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat-children-pets</a> for more information!





### **Hurricane Preparedness**

- Take time now to prepare a hurricane emergency kit.
- Don't wait until a warning is issued and the stores are empty or closed.
- Charge electronics and ensure you have plenty of flashlights.
- Prepare an emergency plan and make sure every member of your family knows what to do if they aren't home when an emergency is declared.

\*Visit www.ready.gov/plan for more information!