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Severe Drought Conditions

STANTON, Texas (June 24, 2014) – Area residents are grateful for the moisture received over Howard and Martin counties in the recent months.

However at the end of March, the Palmer Drought Severity Index showed Martin and Howard counties in severe drought. The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District would like to remind you of the continuing need to conserve water.

Here are a few helpful tips on how to save water and use it wisely.

Tip 1 – When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees and shrubs.

Tip 2 – Leave lawn clippings on your grass, this cools the ground and holds in moisture.

Tip 3 – Use a layer of organic mulch on the surface of your planting beds to minimize weed growth that competes for water.

Tip 4 – Trickling or cascading fountains use less water to evaporation than those that spray water into the air.

Tip 5 – While fertilizers promote plant growth, they also increase water consumption. Apply the minimum amount of fertilizer needed.

For more ways to conserve water in your home, visit the Permian Basin UWCD's website at www.pbuwcd.com or come by our office at 708 W. St. Peter in Stanton.