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## ❖ Pool Opens Mask Up! ❖

Residents were mailed an envelope with a bright green sticker on it that read URGENT POOL INFORMATION on June 8 with most residents receiving them the next day. Inside the envelope was a (2) page letter explaining the delays in opening the pool this year and the new rules issued by the CDC, American Red Cross and Governor Abbott's office and a (3) page document titled WILLOWBRIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. POOL RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT. The pool opened July 1st; but COVID-19 changed the rules so there was NO FANFARE, food, drink, DJ or door prizes as we have come to know and love at Splash Day. Many things contributed to the delay, not the least being Greater Houston Pools inability to obtain required essential Personal Protection Equipment (PP&E) and sanitizing equipment from their vendor(s). Lifeguard training, including CPR certification came to a halt until the end of May. If this wasn't a big enough set-back we incurred a lengthy waiting period for the CDC, American Red Cross, Harris County and Governor Abbott's Office to set rules for opening aquatic facilities to provide our residents a safe experience during the pool season. If you haven't received the envelope, please go to the Willowbridge HOA website to review it and to download the Pool Release and Indemnity Agreement. Please note that the letters went to the person(s), trust, etc. that is the registered property

owner in the Harris County Deed Records; therefore if you rent, lease, etc., it went to your landlord.

Patrons that came to the pool on July 1 said the water was great and everyone followed the rules by MASKING UP! On July 1, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo extended the order to wear masks when entering a business to August 25. On July 7, Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order requiring MASKS TO BE WORN IN PUBLIC WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, in an effort to curb COVID-19. Patrons (10 years and older) are now required to wear a mask when entering the front gate and the mask must be worn anytime you're not in the water, eating or drinking.

The board asks residents to be patient during these trying and unprecedented times. Please remember that our lifeguards had nothing to do with the pool opening date or setting these policies and rules and are not able to make exceptions to them for anyone for any reason. Any complaints, comments (good or bad), etc. should be directed to Graham Management at [lallen@grahammanagementhouston.com](mailto:lallen@grahammanagementhouston.com) or 713.334.8000. PLEASE

NOTE THAT THE WILLOWBRIDGE HOA BOARD DOES NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

### 2020 POOL SEASON

**July 1 – August 23**

***Monday Closed***

Tuesday – Saturday 10:30 am – 8:30 pm

Sunday 12 noon – 8:00 pm

### ***August 24 – September 4 – CLOSED***

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND (September 5, 6 & 2)**

Saturday 10:30 am – 8:30 pm

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*If you have any questions or comments regarding the neighborhood please contact the numbers above.*

## BOARD MEETINGS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS: 4th Thursday of January, April & July @ 6:00 pm. ANNUAL HOMEOWNER'S MEETING: 4th Thursday of October @ 6:00 pm. Additional meetings may be held as determined and NOTICED by the Board of Directors via the marquee and website.

## HARRIS COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE

To report street or curb damage, missing/damaged street signs and street flooding: (281) 353-8424 or [www.hcp4.net](http://www.hcp4.net).  
If a resident wants to request a new sign or replace a damaged one, they have to go online and fill out a request.

## STREET LIGHT OUT?

If you notice a street light out PLEASE report it to CenterPoint Energy. We pay for all of the street lights in our subdivision...every month...regardless if they are illuminated or not!! This is also a serious safety issue. To report an outage, follow these steps:

- By Phone: During normal business hours (7 am – 7 pm)
- Call (713) 207-2222
  - Give the Customer Service Representative the 6 digit pole number (located approximately 6 feet up the pole), the street name and closest address.
  - Online (anytime): [centerpointenergy.com](http://centerpointenergy.com)

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Please give a 2 month advance notice.  
[WillowTalk@ProtonMail.com](mailto:WillowTalk@ProtonMail.com)

## EVERY DROP ADDS UP!

*By: Kathleen Jackson, Board Member, Texas Water Development Board*

*From: WATERLINES North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) Winter 2020 Issue*

At the end of September, just a few weeks after Tropical Depression Imelda dropped more than 40 inches of rainfall in parts of southeast Texas, approximately 48 percent of the state was in drought. That's 10 percentage points more than in August. According to the U. S. Drought Monitor's October 1 map, approximately 46 percent of the state was in drought at the time this article was published.

How can that be, when so many Texans are hurting from yet another instance of too much water? How can we even think about having too little water after such an event? It's a pattern seen throughout history: Texas is a state of perpetual drought punctuated by times of flood. Because of the vast size of our state and the diversity of our climate, Texans are almost guaranteed the constant contradiction of simultaneous flood and drought. That is why the state must address them concurrently. We must continue to plan for the next drought and for our future water supply needs even when recovering from floods.

The 2017 State Water Plan tells us that Texas faces significant water shortages over the next 50 years if steps are not taken to conserve and develop additional water supplies. Rapid population growth is expected and along with it, water demands. Texas' existing water supplies – those that can already be relied on in the event of drought – are expected to decline.

As we've said before and we'll no doubt say again, there is no new water to be created on earth. The water available to us now is the same water that was here thousands of years ago and the same water that will be used by generations to come.

The easiest and most cost-effective way to help ensure we have enough water for the future is to conserve the water we currently have. That's where everyone in Texas comes in.

Perhaps you're thinking, "Can I really make a difference as one person?" Yes, you can! Besides, if everyone does a little, it adds up to a BIG difference for our state! There are many ways to conserve water, several of which are small changes that we can all make in our daily routines.

One easy option is to shorten shower time. Did you know that reducing your shower time from 10 to 5 minutes could save approximately 12.5 gallons per shower with an efficient showerhead? That's more than 4,500 gallons a year! Consider this:

If you and 24 family members, friends, or neighbors each made this change, it would add up to more than 100,000 gallons per year. That's well over a million 12-ounce cans of your favorite beverage.

Or, put another way, currently in Texas, the average annual per-person water use is approximately 59,495 gallons a year. That shorter shower by 25 people just created enough water for

more than one person for an entire year. Imagine the difference it would make if our entire population of 28 million shortened their showers.

To put this into perspective, the state has estimated that by 2020 it will need to save 72,990,720,743 gallons through municipal conservation to meet the water needs of residents. That amount quadruples in 50 years. And everyone can help us meet these goals.

So, how else can you save water as you go about your daily activities? We're glad you asked. And no, you don't need to give up your morning coffee! Here are a few ideas, some of which you may already be doing:

- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Install water-efficient appliances.
- Check your toilet and fixtures for leaks.
- Water your yard in the morning or late evenings.
- Run the dishwasher, rather than washing dishes by hand.
- Run the washing machine only when full.

In addition to individual efforts, communities across Texas recognize the importance of conservation and efficiencies in their water operations. For example, some utilities have incorporated advanced metering infrastructure into their systems, offering the ability to monitor meters in real time to obtain more accurate data on water usage throughout the system. This means that leaks and water loss in the distribution network can be detected earlier, helping utilities conserve water and money.

Reuse is another way communities are making smart use of their water supply. Water reuse generally refers to the process of using treated wastewater (reclaimed water) for a beneficial purpose. The degree of treatment depends on the proposed use for the water. Examples of water reuse include irrigation, cooling, and augmenting water supplies.

We can all play a part in reducing water use and making smart decisions to help ensure this critical resource will be available for generations to come and in times when Texas needs it most. A few drops from a leaky faucet or five minutes of shower time may seem insignificant, but every drop adds up.



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## POISON PREVENTION GUIDE Texas Poison Center Network (800-222-1222)

### HELP US PREVENT POISONINGS!

Poisons can hurt you – or even kill you – if you eat, drink or breathe them or get them in your eyes or on your skin. Thousands of children in Texas are accidentally poisoned each year. Many swallow medicines, polishes, drain cleaners, insecticides, antifreeze, and other household and garage products. Any non-food item is a potential poison. Poisonings may occur when there is illness in the family, when you are cooking a meal, when your family is moving, when there is family tension, when there is a guest in your home, when children are hungry or tired, when you are on a trip or school vacation, or anytime. Do your part in preventing accidental poisonings in your home by following these rules.

### HOME SAFETY

1. Avoid keeping medicines on counter tops, bedside table, or easy to reach areas.
2. Request safety-lock tops on all prescription drugs.
3. Regularly clean out the medicine cabinet and dispose of old or out-dated medicine. When discarding medicines or household products, rinse the container and dispose of it in an appropriate manner.
4. Do not take medicines in front of your child. Children love to imitate their parents.
5. Never call medicine “candy”.

6. If you are interrupted while using a medicine or household product, take it or the child with you. It only takes a few seconds for your child to get into it.

7. If you wear glasses, put them on to read the label before taking or giving the medicine. Never give medicine that is not labeled for the person or is not labeled at all. Never give medicines in the dark.

8. Keep all products and medicines in original containers.

9. Store medicines, sprays, fingernail solutions, hair care products, mouthwash, perfumes, cosmetics, powders, sachets, etc. out of reach of children.

10. Never store food and household cleaners together.

11. Install child safety latches on all drawers and cabinets containing harmful products.

12. Anticipate your child's curiosity and skills. Remove household products such as detergents and drain cleaners from under the sink.

13. Keep bleaches, soaps, detergents, fabric softeners, bluing agents and sprays out of reach of children.

14. Store pesticides, gasoline, turpentine, paints, paint products, car products and garage products out of reach and out of sight of children. Lock up these products.

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15. Never transfer products like bleach, gasoline, insecticides or other cleaning agents to containers such as a soft drink bottle, cup or bowl that would attract a child or pet.

16. Keep alcoholic beverages out of reach of children.

17. Empty ashtrays and keep them out of reach of children.

18. Keep paint in good condition.

19. Buy potentially poisonous products only when needed and in the amount required for the job.

20. Always prepare and use products according to label directions.

## **PESTICIDE SAFETY**

1. Read the label before buying or using these products, and follow the directions.

2. Do not apply more than the specified amount.

3. Keep pesticides away from food and dishes.

4. Do not smoke while spraying pesticides.

5. Keep children and pets away from sprayed areas for 24 – 48 hours.

6. Avoid breathing pesticide fumes.

7. Never spray pesticides outdoors on a windy day.

8. Lock up chemicals in their original containers with proper

labels.

## **CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY**

1. Have heating systems inspected annually.

2. Service gas, oil or kerosene space heaters annually. Allow for good ventilation when in use.

3. Do not use ovens and grills as heat sources.

4. Do not idle automobiles in a garage.

5. Obtain battery back-up carbon monoxide alarms for your home and place near sleeping areas.

## **BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL POISONINGS**

1. Remain calm. Don't panic!

2. Remember most chemical and biological agents have effective treatment.

3. If you are inside and the event is outside, stay indoors, turn off all ventilation, and close windows and doors.

4. If you are inside and the event is inside, move quickly outside; cover all exposed skin, your mouth and nose.

5. If you are outside and the event is outside, cover all exposed skin, your nose and your mouth.

6. Protect yourself before approaching a victim.

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7. Call the Poison Center 1.800.222.1222.

## **EMERGENCY ACTION FOR POISONING SWALLOWED POISONS:**

**Medicines:** Do Not give anything by mouth until you call the Poison Center.

**Non-Medicines:** If patient is conscious and can swallow, give a small amount of milk or water then call the poison center.

**INHALED POISON:** Immediately get the person to fresh air. Avoid breathing fumes. Call the Poison Center.

**POISON ON THE SKIN:** Remove contaminated clothing and flood skin with water for 10 minutes. Call the Poison Center.

**POISON IN THE EYE:** Rinse eye with lukewarm water for 15-20 minutes. Call the Poison Center.

**INSECT BITES:** Remove stinger when applicable. Call the Poison Center. If patient develops breathing problems or rash, call 911.

**VENOMOUS SNAKE BITES:** Remove any jewelry. **DO NOT** cut and try to extract the venom. **DO NOT** use ice or a tourniquet. **DO NOT** try to capture the snake. Call the Poison Center for instructions then go to the nearest hospital.

**DO NOT** attempt to make anyone throw up unless advised to do so by the Poison Center, Emergency Center or a Physician.

**REMEMBER if the person has collapsed or stopped breathing, call 911.**

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