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UTAH SNOWS RELIEVES HARSH DROUGHT CONDITIONS

This past winter saw an abundance of snow and rain, temporarily relieving drought conditions throughout the state. Nonetheless, due to concerns for the Great Salt Lake and historic trends, the Utah Legislature and local municipalities continue to push water conservation and the need to encourage a transition from expansive lawns to more water efficient landscaping. In this regard, every city in the state is mandated to put into place ordinances to address the issue. White City Water Improvement District ("WCWID") supports this approach but has expressed concerns that some property owners are using "drought" as an excuse to let their yards and gardens go to weeds. The Legislature agreed and specified in its mandate that cities can insist that yards be maintained and cared for.

WCWID CONTINUES TO HAVE AN ABUNDANT WATER SUPPLY.

WCWID is not dependent upon surface water and is, therefore, not as subject to drought as are other water systems. This is because WCWID water supplies come from deep underground water wells. The wells draw water from what is the best aquifer in the Salt Lake Valley. Groundwater supplies are more drought resilient than surface water supplies because aquifers recharge from water absorbed in the soils. In that regard, "water" is never truly "lost". It simply goes underground, flows into streams and rivers, or evaporates into the air where the water cycle starts over again. The key is to know where it is and work to put it to beneficial use.

BE WISE IN YOUR WATER USE

WCWID encourages all of its' water users not to "waste" water. WCWID emphasizes **Wise Water Use**. For example, water your lawns in the cooler temperatures of the evening and early morning. Watering in the heat of the day or on windy days leads to increased evaporation and is less effective.

WCWID urges you to not use your sprinklers between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Don't let your lawns and outdoor vegetation wither and die off or it will take more water to resurrect parched grass, trees, and plants, than to give them water on a regular and consistent basis. In other words, respect your neighbors and maintain your yards. Another helpful hint is you do not have to water every day. Most plants and grass can survive and do well if they are watered every other day. Also, grow your grass taller.

Set your blades at 3-4 inches. Taller grass means deeper roots that can access water that is deeper in the soil. Tall grass also shades roots and soil to reduce evaporation loss. In short - **BE WISE.**

WCWID IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT WITH CUSTOMERS IN SANDY CITY, WHITE CITY AND UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. (See Map)

WCWID works cooperatively with both municipalities and county. We encourage all of our water users to comply with the ordinances of their respective city or area. Any questions you might have should be directed to Paul Ashton, General Manager of WCWID at either paulashton@wcid.org or by calling the main office during business hours at 801-571-3991.

