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### It's Tree Planting Season

Fall is the best time to plant trees in Central Texas, especially native ones that thrive in our climate.

Looking for a colorful ornamental option? Choose a Desert Willow instead of a Crape Myrtle.

Desert Willow Highlights:

- Fast-growing, up to 40 ft
- Drought-tolerant
- Blooms April–October
- Attracts hummingbirds

Native trees like the Desert Willow are beautiful, resilient, and great for local wildlife!

Check out our blog about choosing native trees below.

[Choosing Native Trees](#)



### Tis' the Seasonal Adjust

Did you know it's best to adjust your irrigation settings with the seasons? Using the seasonal adjustment or water budget feature on your sprinkler controller lets you easily reduce watering times as temperatures cool. For example, setting the adjustment to 70% changes a 10-minute zone to 7 minutes and applies the same reduction to all zones in that program.

#### Adjust seasonal percent:

- Dec/Jan/Feb TURN OFF or use at 10% if needed
- March 50-60%
- April 60-70%
- May 80-90%
- June 90-100%
- July/Aug/Sept 100%
- Oct 70-80%
- Nov 40-50%

### Waste Water Averaging Starts Soon

Since water use is typically lowest in the winter months, the City uses your November–February water bills to calculate your annual wastewater (sewer) rate.

Since there isn't a meter on the sewer, the City assumes that all water being used is going down the drain (baths, toilets, laundry, etc.) The average of these three billing cycles becomes your **wastewater charge for the rest of the year.**

Depending on your route, consumption used to calculate your wastewater average may come from usage in November, December, January, and February. Watch your bills to determine the approximate date your meter is read each month.

**Learn how to view water consumption history and sign up for leak alerts below**

[Waste Water Averaging](#)

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