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# **Georgetown Reporter**



#### New water outage texting service

Calling all Georgetown water customers, we have great news for you: You can now TEXT us about water outages!

You should have received a text message Aug. I enrolling you into our new, water outage text reporting service. If you didn't, text WATER to 512-930-3640 and follow the prompts. You will probably need to update your utility contact information to your primary phone number.

By texting STATUS to 512-930-3640, you can receive updates about a water outage at your property. The process to report a water outage won't change: Just call 512-930-3640 and press 1.

And in case you missed it earlier, you can text us about power outage outages at 512-930-8400.

Learn more about the new service and answers to frequently asked questions at **gus.georgetown.org/outages.** 

### Labor Day Weekend Sidewalk Sale & Dine Downtown | SEPT. 1-4

Come shop and dine in downtown Georgetown over the Labor Day Holiday Weekend from 4 p.m. Sept. 1 to 8 p.m. Sept. 4. Downtown businesses will have merchandise on the sidewalk and offer special promotions in conjunction with the holiday weekend. More details at **mainstreet.** georgetown.org.

# Labor Day | SEPT. 4

City offices and facilities are closed. No GoGeo paratransit bus service. Williams Drive Pool is open, other outdoor pools are closed. Regular solid waste and recycling collection on Monday.

#### City of Georgetown Water Utility customers Text us during a water outage



# Art at the Library

The Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St., hosts "Abstract Art in Multiple Techniques" from Sept. 2-Oct. 1. An artist's reception will be held 4-6 p.m. Sept. 8.

In the exhibit in the First Floor Café Gallery, artist Anca Thomas creates fiber art pieces by combining techniques such as weaving and felting with abstract painting.

Learn more about this show and other art exhibits at the library at **library.georgetown.org.** 



### Love Where You Live Month

This September we're celebrating Love Where You Live Month with several ways to keep our city clean. The City is hosting several cleanup and collection events throughout the month, including:

**Sept. 9:** Rivery Park Cleanup Event from 8-9 a.m. in Rivery Park

**Sept. 9:** Household Hazardous Waste collection event from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Georgetown Municipal Complex

Sept. 23: Community collection event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Georgetown Municipal Complex; collection will benefit Georgetown Police Department's Blue Santa program and volunteer park rangers

For more information, visit **recycle.** georgetown.org.



**GET MORE INFORMATION** Use the QR code to find additional news from the City of Georgetown and sign up for the Georgetown Weekly.



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#### Watering restrictions in effect

Irrigation historically is the largest cause of water waste across all water utility accounts and is proven by the large increase in water usage each summer, which is why it is so important to follow the watering restrictions in place. Your watering restrictions depend on where you live. Know your schedule; visit **water. georgetown.org** to learn more.

Handheld watering is allowed any day of the week.

- Watering outside the days and times allowed by the schedule can lead to fines.
- If you see any potential irrigation or water waste violations, please use our online reporting tool.

Learn more at water.georgetown.org.

City of Georgetown: Stage 2 Watering Schedule	
Addresses ending in:	Can water:
1	Tuesday
2 or 6	Wednesday
0	Thursday
5 or 9	Friday
4 or 8	Saturday
3 or 7	Sunday
No watering on Monday	



Know your drought stage and watering schedule. Scan the QR code or visit water.georgetown.org for more information.



# Street maintenance projects to begin this summer

Street resurfacing on city streets will be completed this summer throughout Georgetown. The work schedule can be affected by weather conditions, mechanical issues, and product availability.

The City uses two types of resurfacing techniques:

- High-performance surface seal—a sealant is applied to the surface of the roadway, reducing damage from UV radiation and vehicle traffic.
- 2. Hot-in-place recycling—existing pavement is removed, ground, and mixed with new material to create a new asphalt surface.

For updates on the paving schedule and a complete list of projects, visit **transportation.** georgetown.org.

# National Preparedness Month: Preparing older adults for disasters

Disasters can impact our community anytime of the year and can impact anyone within our community. Older adults can face greater risks when it comes to the multitude of extreme weather events and emergencies we now face, especially if they are living alone, are low-income, have a disability, or live in rural areas.

Here are some low- or no-cost steps to help older adults be better prepared:

- 1. Plan how to take or keep assistive devices with you during an evacuation.
- 2. Create an emergency supplies bag with food, water, and essentials for you and pets for three days. Include items that meet your individual needs, such as medicines, medical supplies, batteries, and chargers.
- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to your local emergency station and monitor TV and radio for severe weather warnings.
- 4. Register for emergency alerts by email, text, or phone at **WarnCentralTexas.org**
- 5. Register for the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry program for assistance during emergency events: tdem.texas.gov/stear.
- 6. Sign up for Smart911 at fire.georgetown.org/smart911.

Additional information can be found at **Ready.gov/older-adults.** 

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