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Severe Drought Returns to West Texas

STANTON, Texas (August 30, 2018) – Despite the recent rains, the majority of Texas is still in drought according to the Palmer Drought Severity Index for the month of July. The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District's area of Howard and Martin counties is showing to be in a Severe Drought. The District would like to provide the following tips on how people can use water wisely around their home. Not only helping to conserve water, but it can also save some money in your pocket books.

Tip 1 – Use 2-4 inches of mulch around your plants and trees to maintain moisture and prevent evaporation.

Tip 2 – Evaporative coolers require a seasonal maintenance checkup. For more efficient cooling and unnecessary water loss, check your evaporative cooler annually.

Tip 3 – Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.

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