



CITY OF LAREDO  
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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**WHAT:** City of Laredo to Proclaim Drinking Water Week

**WHEN:** Today, May 7, 2012 at 4:45 p.m.

**WHERE:** City Council Chambers, 1110 Houston St.

**WHY:** To join the American Water Works Association National Drinking Water Week to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The American Water Works Association, the authoritative resource on safe water, today kicked off Drinking Water Week 2011 at the national level, an annual celebration of our most precious natural resource. **Locally, to commemorate the occasion, the City of Laredo Mayor Pro-Tempore, Cindy Liendo-Espinoza, will proclaim May 7-11, as Drinking Water Week in Laredo, Texas, today at 4:45 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.**

Throughout the week, the City of Laredo Utilities Department will celebrate water by recognizing the essential role it plays in our daily lives, with special attention to the future of water, water infrastructure and the economy, careers in the water profession, and source water protection. To celebrate Drinking Water Week, Water Conservation Program staff will be at the City Hall Annex at 1102 Bob Bullock Loop from 5/08/12 - 5/10/12, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon giving away free water conservation kits in an effort to help save water. Plus, Industrial Pretreatment Program staff will also be there giving out information about the Cross Connection Control Program (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon) in an effort to help prevent water contamination through outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.

"Water is often taken for granted; not until you open the faucet and nothing comes out do you *really* think about water," said Tomas M. Rodriguez Jr., Utilities Director. "During Drinking Water Week we want everyone to focus on the importance of water and how it delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life that we enjoy."

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** For more information, please contact the Water Conservation Program at (956) 721-2020.

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