



**Q & A: Upper Trinity Regional Water District
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Q: Who is Upper Trinity Regional Water District (Upper Trinity)?

A: Upper Trinity Regional Water District is a regional, non-profit government agency created by the State of Texas in 1989 to provide towns, cities and utilities with a safe, reliable, long-term water supply. It is comprised of 25 municipalities and utilities who joined voluntarily. Current Upper Trinity services include treated water, non-potable water, wastewater treatment, and collection of household hazardous wastes.

Q: Who governs Upper Trinity and oversees its programs?

A: As a regional entity, each of the local governments (towns and utilities) who join Upper Trinity have the right to appoint one representative to the governing board. The County of Denton appoints two representatives. Since members are responsible for all costs incurred, they oversee Upper Trinity activities very carefully.

Q: Which areas of North Texas does Upper Trinity serve?

A: Upper Trinity serves its members. The boundaries of Upper Trinity include all of Denton County, plus limited portions of Collin and Dallas Counties. Towns and cities who receive Upper Trinity services include:

Argyle, Aubrey, Bartonville, Carrollton, Celina, Copper Canyon, Corinth, Cross Roads, Denton, Double Oak, Flower Mound, Hickory Creek, Highland Village, Irving, Justin, Krum, Lake Dallas, Lewisville, Lincoln Park, Oak Point, Pilot Point, Ponder, Sanger and Shady Shores.

Other member entities include:

Denton County, Lake Cities Municipal Utility Authority, Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1A, Mustang Special Utility District and Denton County Fresh Water Supply District #7.

Q: How does Upper Trinity pay its bills?

A: As a non-profit, governmental utility, Upper Trinity has no taxing powers. Its is limited to revenues from service requested and authorized by member cities and entities who execute service contracts with Upper Trinity.

Q: What is Lake Ralph Hall?

A: Lake Ralph Hall, a proposed new water supply reservoir named after U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall, is a critical component of Upper Trinity's long-term visionary water plan to protect Upper Trinity members from a water crisis.

Upper Trinity gets most of our water from City of Dallas and Chapman Lake in northeast Texas. But, this region faces continued growth in the next 25-50 years - growth that will exceed the presently available water supply. In fact, Dallas is also working hard to find additional water supplies to meet the future needs of its customers. Upper Trinity plans to take all the water that it has the contractual right to take from existing sources; yet there will not be enough to avoid a shortfall within 25 years.

Q: When is Lake Ralph Hall scheduled to be built?

A: It normally takes 20-40 years to get a new water supply reservoir into service, but with good planning and a good site, Lake Ralph Hall is scheduled to be built within the next 15 years and ready for service within 25. With Lake Ralph Hall underway, the people who rely on Upper Trinity can be assured a safe, reliable water supply for generations to come.

Q: What happens if Lake Ralph Hall is not built?

A: **Diversity of sources** is absolutely critical to protect our customers and families against future water crisis, natural disasters or terrorist threat. Dallas will continue to be a primary source of water. Lake Ralph Hall will augment that supply and make it more secure. Without an alternate, reliable source of water, Upper Trinity customers could face a water shortage within 25 years.

Q: What are the benefits of Lake Ralph Hall?

With Lake Ralph Hall underway, Upper Trinity member cities and utilities that depend on Upper Trinity can look forward to 30 million gallons per day of safe drinking water for our families, and jobs for our people. Water from Lake Ralph hall will generate more than \$18 billion in economic benefits to our customers and the cities we serve.