



INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE

Pennsylvania has developed three drought phases that have impacts on individual water use. The table below describes the three drought phases of which two are voluntary water conservation objectives and a third with a mandatory prohibition of nonessential water uses.

Drought Stage	% Reduction of Individual Water Use	Water Conservation Objective in Gallons per day per person (based on average 62 gpd per person for residential use)
Drought Watch	5%	59 gallons/day/person
Drought Warning	10-15%	53-56 gallons/day/person
Drought Emergency	Prohibition of nonessential water uses – 15% reduction or lower	53 gallons/day/person

Water suppliers are required to develop and maintain a valid drought contingency plan that outlines watch, warning, and emergency stages. The drought contingency plan is valid three years from the date of approval by the Pennsylvania Drought Coordinator. The drought stages are based on indicator criteria or triggers tailored to the sources of supply that accurately identify the onset of drought occurrences in a timely fashion. The triggers used to monitor a system’s key supply sources may include storage levels of reservoirs or stream flows for surface water sources, and pumping levels or well yields for groundwater sources. The water supplier may request voluntary or mandatory water use restrictions within its own service area in advance of any state announcements or declaration. Water suppliers may want to mail a voluntary water conservation notice to their customers to educate them on ways to conserve water.



VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION NOTICE

ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACION MUY IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU AGUA DE BEBER. TRADUZCALO O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA BIEN.

The _____ is asking its customers to voluntarily conserve water.

Water Saving Tips Inside the Home

- Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth, rinse with a glass of water.
- When shaving, use a sink filled with rinse water.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Fill the sink with water to pre-rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.

Water Recycling Tips

- Place a bucket in the shower to catch water that is wasted while you adjust your shower water temperature and recycle this water for plants or other watering uses.
- Other sources of water that can be recycled easily for other watering purposes include:
 - Pet dishes
 - Flower vases
 - Leftover water from cooking or drinking
 - Dehumidifier water

Water Saving Tips Outside the Home

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways, steps, and sidewalks.
- Wash the car with water from a bucket. If a hose is used, control the flow with an automatic shut off nozzle.
- Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day and avoid windy days.
- Use soaker hoses and trickle irrigation systems to reduce the amount of water used for irrigation.
- Use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and cut down on weed growth.

For more information on long-term water conservation measures such as installing water-saving plumbing fixtures and appliances and identifying and repairing leaks within your home, visit DEP's website at www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: Water Conservation, Click on "Water Conservation Center Tips" bullet on the right edge.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by _____.

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Date distributed: _____