

State-wide Level 1 Drought Response Declaration

Effective: April 27,2026

Due to ongoing dry conditions and in coordination with state guidance, a **Level 1 Drought Response** has been issued for our area. While water service remains stable, these conditions require all water systems and customers to begin **voluntary conservation efforts** to help preserve our available water resources.

Under a Drought Response Level 1, general landscape watering may be done between 4pm and 10 am each day, and the following activities may be done at any time of day:

- Irrigation of personal food gardens may be done at any time of day;
- Irrigation of new and replanted plant, seed, or turf may be done at any time of day for 30 days after installation;
- Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses may be done at any time of day; and
- Hand watering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container may be done at any time of day.

Other simple, proactive steps to reduce water usage, include:

- Repairing any leaks in plumbing fixtures, irrigation systems, or service lines
- Running dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads
- Turning off water while brushing teeth or shaving
- Avoiding unnecessary water use such as washing vehicles or driveways

These small actions, when taken collectively, can make a significant impact in maintaining adequate water supply for essential needs such as drinking water, sanitation, and fire protection.

We will continue to monitor conditions closely and will provide updates if additional measures become necessary. Your cooperation and commitment to conserving water are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or would like additional conservation tips, please feel free to contact our office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for doing your part to help protect our water resources.

More water conservation information is available at:
<https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protectionbranch/water-conservation>.