

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Due to the persistent drought, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has issued a Level 1 Drought declaration for 53 counties in Georgia, including thirteen in northeast Georgia, of which Lumpkin is one. This condition is due to the regional lack of rainfall in recent months. The City of Dahlonega has stable water resources and is managing these resources in order to ensure that Dahlonega is able meet the needs of you, our customers.

No additional watering restrictions have been issued above those already in place for the past several years. The City of Dahlonega Water System has ample supply and at Level 1 this notice is primarily informational and does not require any specific change in behavior.

However, we all need to practice "Due Diligence" to ensure that the City of Dahlonega continues to maintain adequate water supply.

Customers should do the following:

- Report any standing water in dry weather periods. This may indicate a waterline break, which should be reported immediately.
- Regularly check for and repair leaking toilets, faucet leaks inside and outside homes or businesses
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street
- Wash only full loads of clothes

Customers may at any time of day:

- Irrigate personal food gardens
- Irrigate new and replanted plant, seed, or turf for 30 days after installation
- Use drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses
- Hand-water with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container

Watering of general landscape may be done between 4 pm and 10 am each day.

Customer's should not water lawns or perform other general landscape watering between 10 am and 4 pm daily or in windy conditions. This is because much of the water is lost to evaporation rather than benefiting the soil.

More water conservation information is available at

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/RegionalDroughtMonitor.aspx?southeast> or <http://epd.georgia.gov/waterconservation> or contact John Jarrard at 706-864-3591.

Thank you for your interest and assistance!