



St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

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Potable Water Distribution - Wastewater Collection / Treatment

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Dear Residential Water Customer,

Effective July 12, 2010, Level I water restrictions are being imposed for your community's water system. These restrictions are being imposed as a result of recent drought conditions and drastic increases in water usage. The current water usage in your community exceeds the limits imposed by the Water Appropriations Permit issued to this Commission by the Maryland Department of the Environment. These restrictions will remain in effect until these drought conditions subside.

Level I water restrictions prohibit the following outdoor water usages:

Watering of lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs and other outdoor plants between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm daily.

Unsupervised use of irrigation devices (i.e. sprinklers, watering systems, etc.) to eliminate excessive watering.

Washing of paved surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways, parking areas and patios except in the following circumstances:

- Pre-washing in preparation of asphalt recoating and sealing; and
- When necessary for sanitation or public health purposes, such as eating and drinking areas.

While washing or cleaning of mobile equipment including automobiles, trucks, trailers and boats are permitted the use of commercial car washes which utilize recycled water is highly encouraged. Additionally, it is requested that washing of vehicles be limited to once per week.

Violation of the above stated restrictions is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or termination of service.

This Commission is requesting the assistance of all residents in conserving this precious resource. Continued water usage in excess of the permit will result in increased restrictions and penalties.

Please feel free to contact the Metropolitan Commission Operations Department at (301) 373-4733, extension 101 should you have any questions regarding this matter.