

Dear Valued Customer,

We want to inform you that a **Drought Response Level 1** declaration has been issued for our area. This declaration is part of a proactive effort to conserve water resources and ensure a sustainable supply for essential needs.

At **Level 1**, the focus is on voluntary conservation and increased awareness. While mandatory restrictions are not yet in place, we strongly encourage all customers to adopt water-saving practices to help prevent more severe restrictions in the future.

**What this means for you:**

- Practice **voluntary water conservation** both indoors and outdoors
- Limit outdoor watering, especially during peak daytime hours of 10am to 4pm
  - Exceptions are made for food gardens, new plantings (up to 30 days), drip irrigation, and hand watering
- Fix leaks promptly and ensure irrigation systems are operating efficiently
- Use water-efficient appliances and practices where possible
- Avoid unnecessary water use such as washing driveways or sidewalks

**Why this matters:**

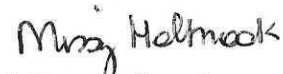
Even small reductions in water use can have a meaningful impact when practiced community wide. Taking action now helps protect our water supply, supports environmental health, and reduces the likelihood of stricter drought measures.

We will continue to monitor conditions closely and provide updates if the drought level changes or additional measures are required.

Include with this letter is a Drought Management Fact Sheet provide by the Environment Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The fact sheet provides more specific guidance on the Drought Declaration process and what additional measures may be required if a level 2 or 3 declaration is made in the future. If you have any questions or would like tips on how to reduce your water usage, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to conserving our shared water resources.

Sincerely,



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