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SHENANDOAH COUNTY DECLARES LOCAL DROUGHT WARNING

Woodstock, Virginia – Due to the continued lack of appreciable rain, low water levels, and drought conditions being experienced, Shenandoah County has declared a Drought Warning effective July 23, 2024. Based on this declaration, residents using Shenandoah County public water supplies (both Stoney Creek and Toms Brook-Maurertown Sanitary Districts) are asked to take steps to conserve water consumption.

These voluntary water conservation measures can include the following:

- Limit showers to 5 to 10 minutes per day per person.
- Avoid running the faucet while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Use an automatic dishwasher only when the load is full.
- Do not plant new landscaping or grass.
- Place rain barrels under gutter downspouts to collect water for plants, car washing, or general cleaning projects.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, walks, and patios.
- Do not wash hard surfaces or buildings.
- Turn off ornamental fountains unless the water is recycled.
- Do not use the garbage disposal.
- Avoid use of sprinklers.
- Reduce lawn watering to no more than two times a week, between the hours of 9:00 pm and 10:00 am
- Reduce vegetable garden watering by watering only when needed, between the hours of 9:00 pm and 10:00 am

Declaration of Local Drought Warning, continued

Residents and businesses utilizing private groundwater wells should consider similar measures to reduce water consumption.

Should drought conditions worsen, these voluntary recommendations could become mandatory.

Residents and businesses utilizing other public water systems provided by Shenandoah County towns should adhere to usage actions issued by those water providers.

Stoney Creek Sanitary District has seven groundwater wells and serves approximately 2,550 customers. Toms Brook-Maureertown Sanitary District has two groundwater wells and serves approximately 1,550 customers.

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