

The Loogootee Water Works Department and Loogootee City

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The Loogootee Water Works Department and Loogootee City Council has implemented a Voluntary Water Conservation request. We are asking customers to voluntarily reduce their water usage due to the ongoing drought that we are experiencing all across southern Indiana. We are asking all water users to discontinue all nonessential water use and voluntarily reduce water usage by 10 to 15 percent. The small amounts of rain fall that we have had across the region have forced many water utilities to implement water conservation requests and restrictions on water use. In an effort to conserve our water resource it is necessary that all water users do their part in conserving water as this summer's drought continues, at this time we will need to have a significant amount of rain to relieve the drought conditions we are experiencing.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, and Indiana Department of Environmental Management has issued a WATER SHORTAGE WARNING for many counties in southern Indiana including Martin, Daviess, Knox, Dubois, Orange and surrounding counties. With the excessive summer heat and drought conditions many water systems are operating at the high end of their capacity. Many systems are sending out conservation notices including mandatory conservation orders to protect their supply. The objectives of a water shortage warning are to prepare for imminent water shortage conditions and potential water supply problems and to initiate concerted voluntary conservation measures in an effort to reduce the risk of mandatory water use restrictions and relieve stressed water sources. The goal of a Voluntary Water Conservation is to have a reduction in water use by 10 to 15 percent. With the excessive summer heat and drought conditions many systems are operating at the high end of their capacity.

Water conservation measures and tips:

Repair all leaks and dripping faucets immediately. Install water conserving devices.

DISCONTINUE ALL LAWN WATERING. Limit watering to gardens and landscaping. Only water by hand and carrying water. Should you use a mechanical watering device don't leave it unattended to avoid over watering and unnecessary waste. Reduce the amount of usage and frequency of watering, only water when necessary. Do not over water and avoid any water runoff. You should only water in the early morning hours or late evening hours. Turn your outside faucets off when not in use.

Discontinue all washing of homes, outside buildings and commercial buildings, and outside pressure washing.

Discontinue all nonessential outdoor uses.

Limit washing automobiles, trucks, boats, trailers, and other mobile equipment washing. Utilize local automatic automobile washing systems. Most of them have water conserving devices in place and recycle some of their water usages.

Don't wash down impervious areas such as driveways, sidewalks, and streets.

When using a dish washer only wash with a full load and don't use extra rinsing cycles.

When doing laundry adjust the water level accordingly and wash with full loads.

Discontinue all outdoor recreational water usage (i.e. water powered toys and devices). Cover your swimming pool to prevent evaporation and limit the amount of water and frequency when topping off your pool.

WATER IS OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE. DO YOUR PART TO CONSERVE AND PRESERVE IT.

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