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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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To All Mount Airy Water Customers:

On November 17, 2016, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) declared a Level 2 drought response. In an effort to reduce our overall water consumption, please read the information below very carefully.

Georgia EPD Elevates Drought Response Levels, Further Restricts Outdoor Water Use

Faced with worsening drought conditions in about three-fourths of the state, along with water supply concerns in some areas, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has declared drought response to Level 2 in 52 counties, including Habersham county and imposed a Level 1 Drought Response in an additional 58 counties.

Drought Response Level 2 measures:

- (a) General Outdoor Watering. Outdoor irrigation for purposes of planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants, as described in Rule [391-3-30-.03\(1\)\(a\)](#), shall be limited to two days a week on an odd-even schedule. Even numbered addresses may irrigate on Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Odd numbered addresses may irrigate on Thursday and Sunday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. "Even numbered address" means an address number ending with the number 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, or the site does not have a numbered address. "Odd numbered address" means an address ending with the number 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9.

- (b) **Specific Categories of Outdoor Water Use. The outdoor water uses listed in Rule [391-3-30-.03\(1\)\(b\)](#) shall be allowed.**

*** The following activities are allowed under both Level 1 and Level 2 Drought Responses:**

Irrigation of personal food gardens may be done at any time of day. Irrigation of new and replanted plant, seed, or turf may be done at any time of day for 30 days after installation. Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses may be done at any time of day and hand

watering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container may be done at any time of day. General landscape watering may be done between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the designated days.

More water conservation information is available at <http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation>.

(c) The following outdoor water uses shall not be allowed, except as provided below:

1. Washing hard surfaces such as streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways, except when necessary for public health and safety;
2. Using water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools, and waterfalls;
3. Use of fire hydrants, except for the purposes of firefighting, public health, safety, or flushing;
4. Washing vehicles, such as cars, boats, trailers, motorbikes, airplanes, or golf carts;
5. Non-commercial washing, or pressure washing, of buildings or structures, except for immediate fire protection; and
6. Charity, or non-commercial fund-raiser, car washes.

Section 48-115. of the Code of Ordinances of The Town of Mount Airy states the town can temporarily disconnect water service to customers to reduce outdoor water waste due to excessive application, outdoor leaks, improper irrigation, or other similar reasons. Failure to comply with outdoor water restrictions may lead to such actions.

The Town of Mount Airy is also asking all customers to report any water leaks that they see or any signs of a water leak to the city hall. The town is also offering technical assistance to "High Users" to identify and or recommend opportunities and strategies to reduce water usage. Dye tablets are available at Town Hall to help customers detect possible leaks in their toilets. Please call Town Hall with any questions. Telephone:706-778-6990

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

Mount Airy Water Department