

PRESS RELEASE

Franklin County Citizens are Called to Conserve

Public Utilities responds to the drought with voluntary conservation measures

Louisburg, September 26, 2007: Franklin County is expected to move to mandatory water restrictions near the middle of October based on current Corp of Engineer projections for the level of Kerr Lake. For now, the county encourages conservation. Limited amounts of precipitation have been predicted and long range forecasts are suggesting a mild and dry winter which would further compound the situation.

Franklin County Public Utilities Director Bryce Mendenhall says he is in constant contact with Kerr Lake Regional to continually monitor the situation and make plans for worse case scenarios that haven't yet been experienced in this area. A list of suggested conservation practices for voluntary conservation measures is as follows:

Indoor

- . Use dishwashers only when they are full
- . Use full loads when using washing machines and/or adjust water levels
- . Turn off faucets while brushing teeth
- . Reduce water used per flush by installing toilet tank displacement inserts.
- . Keep a bottle of chilled water for drinking
- . Find and fix leaks in plumbing fixtures
- . Learn to read your water meter so you can judge how much water you use
- . Take shorter showers and shallow baths
- . Reduce the number of toilet flushes per day
- . Don't use a garbage disposal
- . Turn off shower while soaping up
- . Use disposable eating utensils

Outdoor

- . Water lawns before 10:00 am to prevent evaporation
- . Water only when lawn shows signs of wilt
- . Water thoroughly, not frequently
- . Do not let the sprinkler run longer than necessary
- . Allow maximum of one inch of water per week on your lawn
- . Turn off automatic sprinklers during periods of rain
- . Do not allow children to play with hose or sprinklers
- . Limit car washing
- . Catch rain run-off from gutter downspouts to use for water purposes
- . Use leftover household water if available
- . Consider delaying the seeding or sodding of new lawns
- . Determine the amount of water being used outdoors by comparing water bills for summer and winter

For additional information, contact Franklin County Public Utilities Director Bryce Mendenhall at (919) 494-5415 or visit www.co.franklin.nc.us.

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