



UNITED WATER CALLS ON CUSTOMERS TO RESTRICT WATER USAGE DURING CURRENT DRY SPELL

Voluntary Conservation Now Can Help Avoid Mandatory Restrictions

HAWORTH, NJ, August 31, 2015 – United Water New Jersey customers are urged to conserve water during the current wave of very dry weather and refrain from outdoor water usage for the next several days. "This extended dry weather pattern is testing the limits of our supply," said senior operations director, Tom Neilan. "With barely over 1 ½ inches of rain in August, this is one of the driest summer months in northern New Jersey in over 90 years."

He noted that forecasts call for continued hot weather with very little rain, while the demand for water remains very high. "The New Jersey reservoirs that serve approximately 800,000 people in Bergen and Hudson counties are now at less than 50% capacity. We continue, however, to distribute water at a very high rate with over 3.9 billion gallons delivered this month. That is nearly 400 million gallons more than in August last year."

Customers should restrict their water usage outdoors and conserve where possible indoors, while the unusually dry weather pattern passes. Voluntary conservation now should help reduce the potential for greater, mandatory restrictions.

According to Neilan, the growing number of lawn irrigation systems can significantly increase water demand. Just one lawn irrigation system uses about the same amount of water as five households. Outdoor water demands can result in up to 50 percent more water use throughout the United Water system.

In addition to curtailing outdoor water usage, customers can help conserve water indoors. Here are a few helpful tips:

- On average, 10 gallons per day of a home's water footprint (or 14% of your indoor use) is lost to leaks. Short of installing new water-efficient fixtures, one of the easiest, most effective ways to cut a home's water footprint is by repairing leaky faucets and toilets.
- A low-flow showerhead can save 15 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower.
- Shaving minutes off a hot shower saves water and energy, while keeping dollars in your pocket.
- It takes about 70 gallons of water to fill a bathtub, so showers are generally the more water-efficient way to bathe.
- All of those flushes can add up to nearly 20 gallons a day down the toilet. Retrofitting old, standard toilets can save tens of gallons a day.
- Most front-loading machines are energy- and water-efficient, using just over 20 gallons a load, while most top-loading machines, unless they are energy-efficient, use 40 gallons per load.



- Nearly 22% of indoor home water use comes from doing laundry. Save water by making sure to adjust the settings on the machine to the proper load size.

Additional conservation tips can be found at unitedwater.com.

"We thank our customers for their cooperation during this time, as we work hard to maintain uninterrupted service."

About United Water

United Water is one of the nation's leading environmental companies, providing water and waste recycling services to over 7.5 million people in the United States and Canada. In addition to owning and operating 16 water and wastewater utilities, United Water operates 84 municipal and industrial water and wastewater systems through innovative public-private partnerships and contract agreements. Founded in 1869, United Water is a subsidiary of SUEZ.

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