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### **TOWN OF MOORESVILLE IMPLEMENTS MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

Officials with the Town of Mooresville have declared a Stage II Water Conservation Alert which includes mandatory water restrictions for all water/sewer customers effective 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 31. The declaration comes after a request from Duke Energy for all major users along the Catawba-Wateree River Basin to implement mandatory water conservation measures. These measures will remain in effect until further notice.

“Our request from Duke Energy listed extreme drought conditions, record-breaking heat and below average rainfall as the reasons behind their request,” said Town Manager Jamie Justice. “While the Town of Mooresville’s water system is sufficient to meet the needs of our customers, there are many communities within our region that are not as fortunate.

“For months we have encouraged our customers to use water wisely. Voluntary conservation is always the first step in protecting the water supply. Unfortunately, this extended period of high heat and low precipitation is causing issues throughout our region and we must all work together to protect our shared natural resources.”

In a separate statement issued by Duke Energy, Jeff Lineberger, Duke’s hydro licensing manager stated, “More water conservation is needed up and down the river. The collaboration with 24 other public water users is significant, and we appreciate their cooperation and participation in moving from voluntary conservation to mandatory water restrictions.”

Mooresville’s Town Ordinance states the measures in effect at Stage I include:

- Inspect and repair all faulty and defective parts of faucets and toilets causing water waste.
- Use shower for bathing rather than bathtub and limit shower to no more than five minutes.
- Do not leave faucets running while shaving, rinsing dishes or brushing teeth.
- Limit use of clothes washers and dishwashers, and when used, operate fully loaded.
- Limit sprinkler irrigation of lawns to what is necessary for lawn survival.
- Drip irrigation and hand-held spring loaded hoses may be used any time.
- Water shrubbery the minimum required, reusing household water when possible.
- Limit vehicle washing.
- Do not wash down outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, driveways, etc.
- Install water flow restrictions in showerheads and other water-saving devices.
- Use disposable and biodegradable dishes where possible.

- Install water-saving devices in toilets.
- Limit hours of operation of water-cooled air conditioners.
- Limit refilling of swimming or wading pools.
- Conservation in public buildings, institutions, dormitories and similar facilities is encouraged.
- Water conservation should be followed during all phases of construction-related activities. Where available, water needed should be obtained from supplemental sources.
- To do everything else that is reasonable to accomplish water conservation.

In Stage II, it is unlawful for a customer to:

- Fail to take all actions requested in Stage I.
- Irrigate lawns, shrubbery, and trees and other outside water uses except by the following schedules and restrictions:
  - All even numbered street addresses shall water only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday between 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
  - All odd numbered street addresses shall water only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday between 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
  - No sprinkler irrigation of lawns, shrubbery, and trees on Monday.

Some exceptions do apply to persons regularly engaged in the commercial sale of plants, shrubbery, trees and flowers. Also, customers using drip irrigation and hand-held spring loaded hoses and other hand-held watering methods are allowed to water at any time.

“It is our intent to educate customers about the need to conserve water and for mandatory restrictions,” said Justice. “For the first week, we will focus on helping our customers understand the rules. But starting September 7, customers who violate the restrictions will be subject to civil penalties.”

For more details about Mooresville’s mandatory water restrictions, visit the Town’s website at [www.ci.mooreville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooreville.nc.us) or call 704-663-3800.

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