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## **Burke County Enters Stage 2 Water Restrictions Under Water Shortage Response Plan**

**BURKE COUNTY, NC** — Due to ongoing drought conditions and reduced water supply levels, Burke County has officially entered Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP). Stage 2, identified as Mandatory Reductions I, requires all water customers to take immediate steps to conserve water and reduce overall usage. This stage is implemented when water supply conditions fall significantly below normal, and continued shortages are expected.

Under Stage 2 restrictions, all customers are expected to reduce water use by at least 10% compared to their previous month's usage.

In addition to voluntary conservation efforts, the following mandatory restrictions are now in effect:

- Lawn and landscape irrigation is limited to twice per week, only .50 inch per week, and only between 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM
- Use of water from public water systems for washing driveways, sidewalks, and other impervious surfaces is prohibited
- Residential vehicle washing is not allowed
- Use of water for certain testing and training activities may be limited

These measures are designed to reduce demand on the system and protect the county's water supply for essential needs. Failure to comply with Stage 2 restrictions may result in enforcement actions. Violations may lead to a warning, followed by fines and potential service disconnection for repeated non-compliance. Burke County officials continue to monitor conditions closely and will adjust response levels as necessary. Additional restrictions could be implemented if conditions worsen. Residents are also encouraged to take simple steps such as fixing leaks, limiting water use, and being mindful of unnecessary consumption.

"We understand these restrictions impact daily routines, but they are necessary to ensure we can maintain a reliable water supply for our community," said Burke County General Services Director Mark Delehant. "We appreciate everyone doing their part to conserve."

For more information, visit <https://www.burkenc.org/DocumentCenter/View/206/Burke-County-Water-Shortage-Response-Plan-PDF-?bidId=>

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