



# State Drought Response – Metro Water District

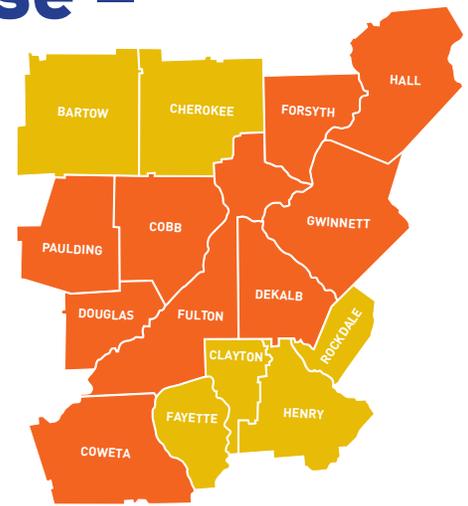
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Georgia’s Environmental Protection Division has declared a drought response for parts of Georgia, including all 15 counties in the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.

Winter rains have thus far failed to refill Lake Lanier, which remains about 10 feet below full pool. The Lake Lanier-Chattahoochee River system serves as the main water source for much of the region’s population.

The drought response varies based on where you live (see map). Details are below.

**We should prepare for a prolonged drought, and we all must do our part to protect our shared water resources.**



■ Level 1 Drought ■ Level 2 Drought

## Level 2 Drought Response

Metro Atlanta communities that rely on Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River as their primary water source remain in a **Level 2 Drought Response**. (See map) Requirements include:

- » Water only as needed, up to **twice a week** (even addresses and sites with no numbered addresses on Wednesday or Saturday and odd addresses on Thursday or Sunday)
- » Watering is allowed **before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.** on those days

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ODD			EVEN	ODD		EVEN

**Only water as needed.** In the fall and winter months, outdoor plants need less water. Water when plants show signs of distress (curling, wilting, graying foliage).

### What’s NOT Allowed

- » Washing streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways
- » Ornamental uses, such as fountains and waterfalls
- » Non-commercial washing or pressure washing
- » Charity, or non-commercial fund-raiser, car washes

### What’s Allowed\*

- » Irrigation of personal food gardens
- » Irrigation of new and replanted seed, turf or plants for a period of 30 days following installation
- » Watering with drip irrigation or soaker hose
- » Hand watering, including hoses with shut-off nozzle

*\*Not subject to the watering restrictions*

## Level 1 Drought Response

A **Level 1 drought response** is in effect for some communities in the Metro Water District. (See map) Residents should take steps to conserve water. A list of conservation tips is found below.

These residents also should follow the state’s permanent **year-round outdoor watering restrictions** that limit outdoor watering to the hours of **before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.** each day, to avoid the hottest part of the day when more evaporation occurs. Certain limited exceptions are set forth in the 2010 Georgia Water Stewardship Act.

## Water Conservation Tips

Find more conservation tips at [mydropcounts.org](http://mydropcounts.org)

- » Check and repair leaks inside and outside the home.
- » Shorten showers and turn off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
- » Fill dishwashers and washing machines. Make sure there is a full load every time.
- » Replace older toilets and shower heads with high efficiency models. If your home was built before 1994, you may qualify for a toilet rebate.
- » Choose efficient appliances. Look for EPA WaterSense and ENERGY STAR labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures.