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GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

**DECLARATION OF LEVEL 1 DROUGHT RESPONSE**

Persistent dry conditions have prompted EPD to declare a Level 1 Drought Response in 53

counties. A level 1 drought declaration means that local water utilities are required to post public information to let the citizens know the need for water conservation.

Listed below are ways we can all do our part to be good stewards and conserve our water resource.

- Regularly check for, and repair, leaks inside and outside the home.
  
- Don't leave tap running while shaving, brushing teeth and washing your face. Turn your tap off.
  
- Only water your landscape when necessary.
  
- Adjust sprinklers so only lawn is watered and not house, sidewalk or street.
  
- When doing laundry always wash full loads.
  
- Take shorter showers.
  
- Only wash full loads in the dishwasher.

- General landscape watering may be done between 4pm and 10am each day.
  
- Check toilets to make sure they are working properly. A running toilet can waste hundreds of gallons per day.
  
- Wash vehicles at a car wash.
  
- Report all significant water losses (broken pipes, open hydrants, misdirected sprinklers, etc.) to the property owner or local utility.

If you have questions you may call City Hall at 706-557-2223 or look on the EPD website under water conservation.

City of Rutledge