Doylestown Township Municipal Authority



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Re: Doylestown Township Municipal Authority Drought Emergency Declaration Mandatory Water Conservation

Dear Customers of the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority:

The Doylestown Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) would like to update our customers on the new mandatory water conservation measures required by the Authority. Due to the unprecedented duration of drought conditions, DTMA groundwater levels continue to decline. The latest PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) drought indicator status benchmarks and the conditions set forth in DTMA Drought Continency Plan require a Drought Emergency to be declared. The measures enacted during this Drought Emergency include the following:

- 1) Irrigation and watering of lawns is prohibited.
- 2) Washing of cars is prohibited except for commercial businesses with recycled water.
- 3) Fifteen (15%) to twenty percent (20%) reduction in household water usage. Please see the DTMA website for household conservation measures and additional drought links.
- 4) The serving of water at restaurants is prohibited unless requested by the customer.

During the past month DTMA requested voluntary reductions in water consumption from our customers. DTMA conserved water by delaying hydrant flushing, conducting a systemwide leak detection survey, and enacting other water supply management measures.

DTMA realizes the significance of these requirements and appreciates our customers' cooperation. While these actions on an individual basis may seem insignificant, collectively we can all help to protect our water supply. Thank you in advance for all your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Keith Hass

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