TOWN OF LONE OAK WATER SYSTEM • MERIWETHER COUNTY, GEORGIA

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# LEVEL 1 DROUGHT RESPONSE DECLARATION

## Voluntary Conservation Measures Now in Effect Statewide

Issued by: Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Director Jeffrey W. Cown

The Georgia EPD has declared a statewide Level 1 Drought Response, effective immediately. Drought conditions — including Extreme (D3) and Exceptional (D4) classifications — affect the majority of Georgia. As a customer of the Town of Lone Oak Water System, your cooperation is essential to protecting our shared water supply.

### BE A GOOD STEWARD

- Check regularly for and repair leaks — toilets, faucets, shower heads, water heater, and irrigation system.
- Turn off the tap when brushing teeth, shaving, washing your face, or rinsing dishes.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered, not driveways or sidewalks.
- Limit outdoor watering — water only when your landscape truly needs it.

### OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE

- General landscape watering is allowed between 4:00 PM and 10:00 AM daily.
- Personal food gardens may be watered at any time of day.
- Drip irrigation and soaker hoses may be used at any time.
- Hand watering with an automatic cutoff nozzle is allowed any time.
- New plants, seed, or turf (within 30 days of installation) may be watered any time.

**Small changes by every customer make a big difference. ACT NOW!**

### Even under Level 1, please avoid:

- Watering landscapes during 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (peak evaporation hours)
- Leaving outdoor hoses or sprinklers running unattended
- Washing vehicles, driveways, or sidewalks when not necessary
- Allowing outdoor faucets or irrigation systems with known leaks to continue operating

### Georgia Drought Response Levels at a Glance

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| **Level 1 — NOW IN EFFECT** | Voluntary conservation. Public information campaign. Landscape watering 4 PM–10 AM. |
| **Level 2** | All Level 1 requirements + outdoor watering limited to 2 days/week. Washing hard surfaces prohibited. |
| **Level 3** | All Level 1 & 2 requirements + landscape watering prohibited. Drought surcharge program required. |

**MORE INFORMATION:**

EPD Water Conservation: epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/water-conservation

EPD Drought Mgmt: epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/drought-management

Town of Lone Oak Water System | Questions? Contact your local water office. | GA Rules: O.C.G.A. 12-5-7 & 12-5-8