

# **CAROLINE COUNTY PRESS RELEASE**

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## **MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS INCREASED TO LEVEL 4/HIGH IN CAROLINE COUNTY DUE TO EXTREME TEMPERATURES**

### **LAWN WATERING PROHIBITED**

*Carmel Church/Ladysmith Areas*– Level 4 water restrictions have been imposed on customers of the Caroline County Public Utilities water system in the Carmel Church/Ladysmith area due to the extreme temperatures and higher than normal demand. Affected residential subdivisions include Lake Caroline, Ladysmith Village, Pendleton, and Belmont.

Effective immediately and until further notice, residents and businesses supplied by the County water system are restricted from outdoor uses like watering or sprinkling lawns and gardens and other uses that are not essential to health, safety or the operation of a business.

The extreme heat has placed a higher than normal demand on the water system and necessitated an increase to Level 4/ High water restrictions.

Level 4 water restrictions include the following:

- Watering of Lawns & Gardens - No watering lawns. Hand-held or manual dripper system on gardens only on Wednesdays and/or Sundays for odd street numbers and on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays for even street numbers.
- Washing your Vehicle - Hand wash only with a bucket for windows, mirrors, lights and spot removing corrosive substances. Commercial car washes are permitted.
- Cleaning Paved Areas – Banned unless required for health and safety reasons
- Pools and Spas - New pools or spas cannot be filled. Existing pools and spas can only be filled with a bucket filled directly from a tap. Filling existing pools and spas above 1,000 gallons requires permission from Public Utilities

The Department of Public Utilities is continually monitoring conditions and will reevaluate water restrictions based on ground water levels, rain events and the condition of the water system.

We regret the inconvenience caused and appreciate the patience and cooperation of our customers.