



Satilla Regional Water and Sewer Authority would like to inform all its customers that we are now under a state-wide Level 1 Drought Response. We ask for everyone's help in conserving water, even more than usual during this time. Our water sources are an irreplaceable commodity and we ask everyone to do their part in helping us conserve during this time of extreme drought conditions. We thank you for your continued assistance.

On April 27, 2026, after consideration of the drought severity and the water resource impacts, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) declared a state-wide Drought Response Level 1 for public water systems using surface water and/or groundwater. EPD has been closely monitoring drought conditions in Georgia for months, and on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, EPD held conference calls with public water systems to discuss current water supply and EPD's consideration of issuing a Level 1 drought response. Following the conference calls, the public water systems had three days to submit any additional feedback before EPD could proceed with a drought response declaration.

As a result of the Level 1 Drought Response, public water systems must implement a public information campaign. This public information campaign is designed to help citizens better understand drought, its impact on water supplies, and the need for water conservation.

Outdoor water use between the hours of 4 PM and 10 A.M. is still allowable and unaffected by a Drought Response Level 1. Public water systems may not impose restrictions on outdoor watering that are different from state requirements unless they obtain a variance from EPD.

- Regularly check for, and repair, leaks inside and outside your home.
- Don't leave the tap running. When shaving, brushing your teeth, washing your face, or food, turn off the tap.
- Only water your landscape when necessary and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.

As a reminder, under a Drought Response Level 1, general landscape watering may be done between 4pm and 10 am each day, and the following activities may be done at any time of day:

- Irrigation of personal food gardens may be done at any time of day;
- Irrigation of new and replanted plant, seed, or turf may be done at any time of day for 30 days after installation;
- Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses may be done at any time of day; and
- Handwatering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container may be done at any time of day.

More water conservation information is available at <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protectionbranch/water-conservation>.