

Water matters

News and Information From DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management

The Department of Watershed Management is excited to present to you "Water Matters," our newsletter. We will use this newsletter as a forum to provide information about the Department and to educate our citizens on various topics related to water; our first issue focuses on water conservation. You can look forward to receiving the newsletter quarterly. We hope this newsletter will be useful. For additional information about the Department of Watershed Management, please visit our website at www.dekalbwatershed.com. *Thank you for allowing us to serve you.*

Francis T. Kung'u, Ph.D., P.E. Director

As you are already aware, the State of Georgia has been experiencing a drought since June 2006. The ongoing drought has decreased the amount of water available for consumption. The Department of Watershed Management urges citizens to be mindful of their water use and to conserve water as much as they can. Here are a few simple ways to conserve water:

- Wash only full loads of clothes or set small loads to the appropriate water level.
- Scrape rather than rinse dishes before loading them into the dishwasher.
- Try not to leave the tap running while you brush your teeth or shave.
- Don't pour water down the drain if you can use it for other purposes such as watering a plant or cleaning.
- Verify that your home is leak-free. Some homes have hidden water leaks that can waste water, costing both you and the environment.
- Check your sprinkler system and repair any leaks found. Adjust your heads to only water the grass.
- Water when it's cooler and less windy to minimize evaporation.
- Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods.
- Clean vegetables in a pan filled with water rather than running water from the tap.
- Take shorter showers .
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily.
- Consider purchasing a low-volume toilet that uses less water.



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How Water-Smart is Your Household?

Is your house as water-efficient as it can be? Our do-it-yourself household water use assessment will help you understand how much water you use, identify leaks, and show you ways to reduce your water use. It will help you conserve water and save money at the same time!

To conduct your household assessment, just go to our website at www.dekalbwatershed.com and click on the Water section under "Conservation" and you'll find your free copy to complete.

DeKalb County Follows Statewide Watering Restrictions

In compliance with a statewide mandate by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, water use restrictions in DeKalb County have been elevated to a Level 2 drought schedule. DeKalb County residents are required to follow water use restrictions to conserve water for the protection of health and safety. It is very important that all citizens adhere to these restrictions and report any violations of the water use restrictions.

A Level 2 drought response limits outdoor water use to three days per week as follows:

Odd-numbered addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays – 12 midnight to 10 am.

Even-numbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays – 12 midnight to 10 am.

No Watering on Fridays.

The DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management will strictly enforce these restrictions.

Watering violations should be reported to the Department of Watershed Management at 770-270-6243.



Important Phone Numbers

Billing/Water Cut-off (8:30am - 5pm)	404.378.4475
Emergency repair - 24 Hours	770.270.6243
Customer Service	770.621.7200
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf	770.621.7237
Drinking Water Questions/Information	770.936.5400