



CONSERVE WATER NOTICE

August 15, 2023

Due to the prevailing heatwave leading to the ongoing statewide burn ban, and a rainfall deficit of 20 inches year-to-date, Plaquemines Parish is issuing an urgent plea to all residents, requesting their immediate engagement in curbing their water usage.

This appeal is rooted in the necessity to maintain a consistent water supply for vital emergencies including firefighting should the need arise. Your cooperation in this endeavor is crucial to ensure the availability of water resources in such critical situations. It is vital that each resident and business owner contribute to water conservation efforts during this challenging period. Here are several effective ways you can make a difference:

- **Shorter Showers:** Consider cutting down your shower time by a few minutes. This simple change can save a substantial amount of water over time.
- **Water-wise Landscaping:** Adjust your garden and lawn watering practices. Water during the cooler parts of the day to minimize evaporation, and only water when necessary. Irrigation is limited to 10 minutes per station per day. No automatic irrigation between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M.
- **Full Loads Only:** Whether it's laundry or dishwashing, make sure to use appliances with full loads. This optimizes water usage and reduces the frequency of water-consuming tasks.
- **Turn Off Taps:** Be mindful of turning off taps while brushing your teeth, washing dishes, or doing other activities that involve water use.
- **Educate Others:** Spread awareness about the current water situation and the importance of conservation among your friends, family, and neighbors.
- **Reuse Water:** Repurpose leftover water from cooking or washing vegetables to water your plants. Every drop saved counts.
- **Check Toilets and Faucets:** Ensure your toilets and faucets are not leaking or running unnecessarily. A quick check can save significant amounts of water.
- **Prioritize Necessities:** During this critical period, focus on essential water needs, and postpone non-essential activities that require high water usage.

By embracing these water-saving practices, you play a pivotal role in securing our community's water resources. Your efforts today will contribute to a more sustainable future for all. Thank you for your immediate action and commitment to conserving water.

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