

Drought Conditions and Water Conservation

As a water supplier in a watershed with abnormally dry to severe drought conditions, the City of Eagle Lake received notification on August 8th from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources of the need to take action to provide conservation information and request customers to implement voluntary measures to reduce water use. Currently, there are no mandatory water restriction measures in place.

The Eagle Lake Public Works Department monitors water usage and capacity daily. As the summer heats up, residents may wish to voluntarily consider some water conservation measures.

Daily water application is unnecessary for healthy established turf. Before watering, verify that the grass needs watering:

Step on the grass.

- **Do not water** if the grass springs back.
- **Water** if the grass stays flattened.

Efficient lawn watering:

- Water landscapes and lawns during the early morning, when it is still cool.
- Lawns need about 1 inch of rain or water per week. Deep soaking is better for roots than frequent shallow watering.
- Water your lawn infrequently, one time or less per week, assuming no rainfall has occurred.
- Cut grass 3 to 4 inches.

For more water conservation tips, visit the DNR website

at: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/appropriations/water-conservation-residents.html.

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