



Non-Drought Water Use Schedule

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About our Water Supply

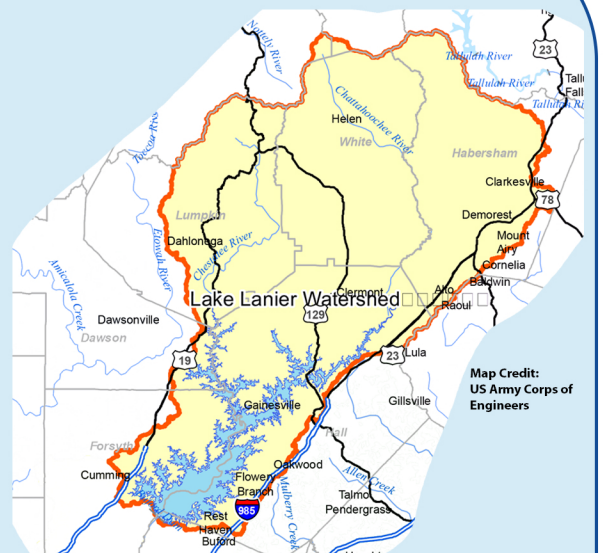
Metro Atlanta relies almost entirely on surface water to meet the water supply needs of the region. The unique geology of the region, which includes a thick layer of granite, limits access to other water sources such as groundwater and increases our reliance on surface waters such as reservoirs and rivers.

Lake Lanier, a US Army Corps of Engineers multi-purpose reservoir, is the primary water supply source for Forsyth County. The watershed for Lake Lanier has a relatively small drainage area in contrast to the lake's surface area, which can lead to extreme low water conditions during extended dry periods (such as the record low lake level in December, 2007).

As the region's population continues to increase, the demand placed on current water resources will be significantly greater. This increased demand will take place without any planned increases in future water supply sources (e.g. no new reservoirs, etc.).

To maintain the supply of clean, safe water for all residents of the metro area, and especially during times of low precipitation, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division institutes a series of Drought Response Levels for metro counties in response to changing atmospheric, soil moisture, and water level conditions throughout the year.

Promoting and actively practicing water conservation helps to sustain our water resources as efficiently as possible. Follow the links below to start being more water efficient today!



Map Credit: US Army Corps of Engineers

The Lake Lanier Watershed (highlighted area within the red outline above) measures approximately 1040 sq. miles. Lake Lanier is 38,425 acres in surface area and contains 692 miles of shoreline at full "summer" pool (elevation 1071 msl).

Water Conservation Tips: mydropcounts.org

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District | www.northgeorgiawater.org
Forsyth County Department of Water and Sewer | www.forsythco.com





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Allowed Anytime

- Drip or soaker hose irrigation
- Irrigation of newly installed turf for first 30 days
- Hand watering with a hose that has a spray nozzle with automatic shut off
- Hydroseeding
- Watering of personal food gardens
- Installation, calibration, or maintenance of irrigation systems
- Pressure washing
- Irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses, or public turf recreational areas
- Water from a personal well, or alternate source such as rain water collection or condensate
- Irrigation of plants for sale, resale, or installation
- Washing of vehicles or hard surfaces (driveways, parking lots, sidewalks) with a hose that has an automatic shut off valve or nozzle
- Watering with a hand-held container

Allowed only between 4 PM and 10 AM

- Automated irrigation systems
- Lawn sprinklers
- Hand watering using a hose without an automatic shut off valve or nozzle

Prohibited at anytime

- Allowing potable water to escape from any premises onto a public right-of-way such as streets or sidewalks, or upon any other property
- Operating an irrigation system or other lawn or landscaping watering device during a rain event for a period exceeding ten minutes
- Operating an irrigation system or other lawn or landscaping watering device that has any broken or missing sprinkler heads
- Failing to repair a controllable leak, including a broken sprinkler head, a leaking valve, a leaking outdoor faucet, a service line leak, or any visible water leaks, on premises owned, leased, or managed by that person, within 30 days

This Outdoor Water Use Schedule is consistent with the State of Georgia Drought Management Rule 391-3-30 for Non-Drought and Level 1 Drought Response. Waste of Water Prohibitions are per the Forsyth County Municipal Code, Article VI., Section 18-188. This schedule may be changed as necessary by the state or county in response to drought indicators and conditions.