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**CHANGES TO OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS COME
AS A RESULT OF WATER STEWARDSHIP ACT**

New law permits daily landscape water use from 4 p.m. to 10 a.m.

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Georgia Water Stewardship Act went into effect statewide June 2, 2010, after being signed into law June 1 by Governor Sonny Perdue.

The law includes new provisions for landscape watering by irrigation systems. It allows for daily outdoor watering for purposes of planting, growing, managing or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants, but only between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.

The following outdoor water uses are allowed daily at any time:

- Commercial agriculture
- Alternative sources of water (reuse water, rain water, condensate, etc.)
- Irrigation of personal food gardens
- Irrigation of newly installed or reseeded turf for the first 30 days
- Drip irrigation or soaker hoses
- Hand watering with a shut-off nozzle or a handheld container
- Water from a private well
- Irrigation of plants for sale
- Irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses or public recreation turf
- Installation, maintenance or calibration of irrigation systems
- Hydroseeding

Outdoor water use for any purpose other than watering of plants, such as power washing or washing cars, is still restricted to the current odd/even watering schedule. Odd-

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numbered addresses (those ending with the number 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9) may use water for purposes other than landscape watering on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Even-numbered addresses (those ending with the number 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 or no number) may use water for purposes other than landscape watering on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. No hourly restrictions limit these activities.

“Forsyth County residents have done a terrific job of reducing their outdoor water use and implementing conservation measures,” Director of Water and Sewer Tim Perkins said. “With these changes, we certainly encourage residents to remain conservation-minded.”

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