



Level 1 Drought Response – Residential Fact Sheet

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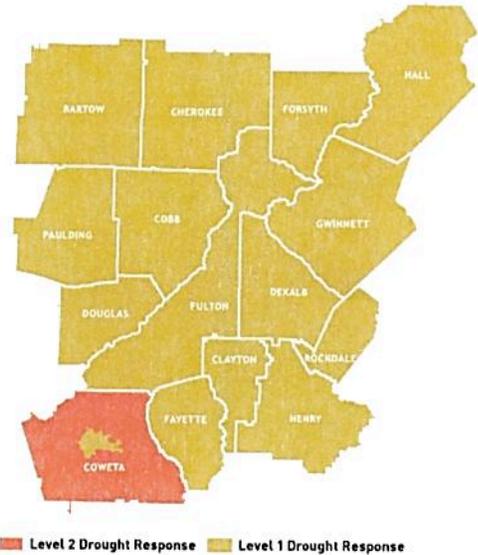
A Level 1 Drought Response has been declared for much of north Georgia, including 14 counties of the Metro Water District and the area of Coweta County served by Newnan Utilities. The portion of Coweta County served by Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority remains in a Level 2 Drought Response. Visit gadrought.org for more information on Level 2 watering restrictions.

Did You Know?

Across most of metro Atlanta, our water supply comes from a surface water source. When it doesn't rain to replenish this surface water source, supplies may experience stress.

What does Level 1 Drought Response mean for me?

- Water conservation is encouraged during a Level 1 drought response. Residents should take steps to conserve water indoors and outdoors whenever possible. See water conservation tips below.
- Residents should follow the state's permanent year round outdoor watering restrictions that limit outdoor watering to the hours of **before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.** Certain limited exceptions are set forth in the 2010 Georgia Water Stewardship Act.



Water Conservation Tips

- Only water plants when necessary. More plants die from over-watering than from under-watering.
- Check for and repair leaks inside and outside your home.
- Fix leaking toilets. This can save you hundreds of gallons a day.
- Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth or shaving. This could save a total of 12 gallons a day.
- Shorten your shower by 2 minutes and save 5 gallons of water per shower.
- Fill dishwashers and washing machines. Remove laundry right away to prevent souring and to avoid having to double wash.
- Properly winterize your irrigation system so that your lines do not freeze and burst over the cold winter months.
- Replace older toilets and shower heads with high efficiency models. If your home was built before 1994, you may qualify for a toilet rebate.
- Choose efficient appliances. Look for EPA WaterSense and ENERGY STAR labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures.



Take the water conservation pledge to find out how much water you use and how you can use less at mydropcounts.org.

Do you let the rain do the work of watering your lawn?

Join The Society of Intentionally Dry Lawns and pledge to significantly reduce your outdoor watering or eliminate it altogether at mydropcounts.org/jointhesociety.

