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### **Mandatory water restrictions take effect in Town of Woodstock**

Due to current drought conditions and reduced river water flow being experienced up and down the Shenandoah Valley, the Town of Woodstock will begin mandatory water restrictions for all non-essential water activities beginning today.

Activities that are impacted by the water restrictions include, but are not limited to, washing or spraying of paved areas, or vehicles and equipment; filling of swimming pools or operating ornamental water features; watering of landscaping in excess of five gallons per day; and other activities deemed nonessential for business purposes or human hygiene.

These restrictions are mandatory water conservation measures, which means violators are subject to penalties as established by the Town Code Section 82-70 and 82-71.

Residents are encouraged to go beyond the areas of mandatory water conservation and take small individual measures to help reduce water use. These actions can include taking shorter showers, avoid running the faucet while shaving or brushing teeth, only using a dishwasher when it is fully loaded, mowing lawns to three inches or higher and leave clippings in the lawn, and washing only full loads of laundry. These types of small individual actions can make a significant difference across the entire town water utility system. Additional water smart practices can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/start-saving>.

Additional information is available on the Town's website [www.townofwoodstockva.gov](http://www.townofwoodstockva.gov) or at the Woodstock Municipal Office, 135 N. Main Street, Woodstock, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, 540-459-3621.

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