

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER FOURTEEN

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: CONTINUATION OF DROUGHT WARNING; MANDATORY  
RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN NON-ESSENTIAL USES OF WATER.

WHEREAS, rainfall in the State has been significantly below normal levels over the past eleven months; and

WHEREAS, current streamflow also is significantly below normal levels, particularly in the Brandywine River; and

WHEREAS, groundwater wells similarly are at levels well below normal and are dropping; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order Number Five, approved May 9, 1985, a drought warning was declared for the State of Delaware and voluntary restrictions on all non-essential uses of water were imposed; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order Number Eleven, approved July 31, 1985, the drought warning for the State was continued in effect and the Drought Advisory Committee was directed to continue to meet and to monitor water conditions and other issues which might cause a state of emergency to be declared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 20 Del. C. Section 3132(d), public hearings have been held to consider potential mandatory restrictions on water use should such action become necessary; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 1985, the Delaware River Basin Commission adopted a resolution directing each of the signatory states, including Delaware, to call for mandatory restrictions on certain nonessential uses of water in certain geographical areas of the Delaware River Basin, including that portion of northern Delaware served by "Sub-Basin 8" of the Delaware River Basin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order that:

1. Pursuant to my authority under 20 Del. C. Section 3132, the previously-declared drought warning is continued and the following mandatory restrictions on the use of water are imposed in that portion of the State of Delaware north of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal:

(a) The use of water for ornamental purposes is banned.

(b) The use of water for washing paved surfaces such as streets, sidewalks, outdoor plazas, driveways, garages parking areas and patios is banned with the following exceptions:

(i) Water may be used for pre-washing in preparation of asphalt street or driveway recoating and sealing.

(ii) Clay tennis courts may be watered by hand-held hose as minimally necessary and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

(c) The service of water to any patron of a restaurant, club or other eating place is permitted only if specifically requested by the patron.

(d) Watering non-commercial outdoor gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs and other outdoor plants is permitted only with the use of a bucket, can or hand-held hose.

(e) Watering established lawns is not permitted. Newly-seeded, sodded or fertilized lawns may be watered as necessary.


(f) Watering or sprinkling of golf courses is limited to tees, greens and aprons.

(g) The use of water for non-commercial washing or cleaning of vehicles is prohibited except for windshields and windows. This restriction shall not apply to emergency vehicles.

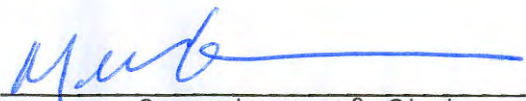
2. The voluntary restrictions on the non-essential use of water imposed by Executive Order Number Five are continued. To the extent the mandatory restrictions imposed by this Executive Order govern the same uses restricted by Executive Order Number Five, the mandatory restrictions set forth in this Executive Order shall control.

3. The Drought Advisory Committee shall continue to meet on a regular basis and report to the Governor on water conditions and other problems which may cause a state of emergency to be declared.

APPROVED this 23rd day  
September, 1985.

  
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Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary of State

