

STATE OF DELAWARE



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER**

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER FIFTY EIGHT

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: DECLARATION FOR WATER CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the recent period of below normal precipitation and above normal temperature in the State of Delaware may lead to a potential water shortage; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to avoid or mitigate the adverse impact of a potential water shortage; and

WHEREAS, the recent weather has caused an increased use of water to record or near record levels in some areas; and

WHEREAS, the existing demand for water may begin to approach the existing supply of water should the weather conditions remain the same; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural community is currently experiencing a lack of rainfall for their crops at a critical time in their growth cycle; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Delaware are aware that water conservation has year-round benefits, but is especially prudent during the summer; and

WHEREAS, Delawareans have exhibited a high degree of cooperation in the past in reducing their total water use; and

WHEREAS, it is important to postpone the need for future restriction of water use;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael N. Castle, Governor of the State of Delaware, do urge that all citizens residing in Northern New Castle County (above the C & D Canal) consider the following list of conservation practices which have been shown to be effective in reducing water consumption. All citizens of Delaware are further asked to consider the following conservation practices in order to avoid shortages similar to those experienced in Northern New Castle County:

WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Residents of Northern New Castle County are asked to voluntarily conserve water to the extent possible by:

1. Minimizing the use of fresh water for non-agricultural irrigation and watering of lawns and outdoor gardens, landscaped areas, athletic fields, trees, shrubs, and outdoor plants by the use of hand-held containers, hand-held hoses with manually operated flow control nozzles or low-pressure perforated hoses with either the user in attendance, or controlled by an automatic timer; and by watering only between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise requested by the water purveyor.
2. Minimizing the use of fresh water for watering golf courses by limiting water use to tees, greens, and newly re-sodded portions of fairways in the minimum amount necessary for survival.
3. Minimizing the use of water for washing paved surfaces such as streets, roads, sidewalks, driveways, garages, parking areas, tennis courts, and patios.
4. Minimizing the use of water for ornamental purposes including fountains, artificial waterfalls, and reflecting pools.
5. Minimizing the use of water for non-commercial washing of automobiles, trucks, and other motor vehicles and trailers, by using hand-held buckets and hand-held hoses with manual flow control nozzles.
6. Minimizing the use of water from a fire hydrant for any purpose except for fire fighting.
7. Minimizing the use of water for flushing sewers and hydrants except as deemed necessary in the interest of public health and safety.
8. Minimizing the use of water in restaurants, clubs, and eating places by serving water only at the request of a customer.

Additionally, citizens should take other measures to save water where possible, including observing the following practices: repairing leaky water fixtures; flushing toilets only when necessary; minimizing splashing from pools and avoiding evaporation by covering pools when not in use; installing shower flow restrictors, toilet tank dams, and faucet aerators.

Approved this 27th day
of June, 1988.



Michael A. Castle
Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State