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News Release

Residents Urged to Conserve Water

July 20, 2015, Monroe, NC – County Manager Cindy Coto has declared Stage 1 water conservation measures for Union County based upon the Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group's issuance of a Stage 1 Drought Notice for the Catawba/Wateree Basin, which includes Union County.

As a result of the continued excessive heat and limited rainfall the region has experienced in June and July, Union County Public Works requests that its customers reduce non-essential water use by following these guidelines:

- Residents are encouraged to voluntarily limit irrigation system use to two days per week.
- Use only hoses with spring-activated nozzles when watering lawns and gardens by hand.
- Limit lawn, shrubbery and garden watering to that which is necessary for plants to survive.
- Drip irrigation and hand watering are allowed.
- Limit residential car washing to a minimum.

Additional Voluntary Conservation Measures:

- Do not leave faucets running while shaving or rinsing dishes.
- Limit the use of clothes washers and dish washers to operate only when fully loaded.
- Use showers for bathing, rather than bathtub, and reduce shower time.
- Limit flushing of toilets.
- The use of flow-restrictive and water-saving devices is encouraged.
- All residents, businesses, and institutions are requested to temporarily delay new landscape work until the water shortage has ended.

Conserving water at this early stage of the drought will help minimize the effects caused by a long-term drought.

For more information, call Public Works Customer Service at 704-296-4210.

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