

PUBLIC NOTICE

BANKS COUNTY WATER CUSTOMERS

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has mandated that all public water supply systems shall reduce their water production by 10% beginning November 1, 2007. Banks County will adhere to this mandate. Therefore, every citizen must make an effort to conserve water.

BANKS COUNTY WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

- No new applications for Banks County water service will be taken until further notice.
- All applications for Banks County water service already submitted, but not installed, will not be installed until further notice.
- All Banks County water customers with wells are encouraged to use their wells as their primary source of water.
- Absolutely NO OUTDOOR WATERING will be permitted. All violators will be fined.

TIPS TO CONSERVE WATER

General

- Make sure your home is leak-free. When you are certain that no water is being used in your home, take a reading of the water meter. Wait 30 minutes and then take a second reading. If the meter reading changes, you have a leak!
- Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second wastes 2,700 gallons of water per year!
- Reuse clean household water. Collect all the water that is wasted while waiting for the hot water to reach your faucet or showerhead. Use this to water your houseplants or outdoor planters. Do the same with water that is used to boil eggs or steam vegetables.

Kitchen

- Reduce dishwashing. Use a spatula to scrape dishes clean instead of pre-rinsing. Limit dishwasher use to full loads. Use the "light wash" feature on the dishwasher.
- Refrigerate a bottle or glass of water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water runs cold.
- Don't use running water to defrost food. Plan ahead to defrost foods overnight in the refrigerator.

Bathroom

- Don't use the toilet as a trash can. Every flush you eliminate can save between 2 and 7 gallons of water.
- Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth or shaving. Use a glass for rinse water.
- Shorten your shower. Limit your shower time to five minutes or less. Cut back on your shower time and you will rack up big savings in water and energy. Replace your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version.

Laundry

- Wash only full loads of laundry. You'll not only save water, but energy as well.

Information on water saving tips for your home and/or business are available online at www.co.banks.ga.us or at the Banks County Water Department, 144 Yonah-Homer Road, Homer, GA 30547. Additional information can be found at www.conservewatergeorgia.net or www.gaepd.com.