

Mars Hill and Blaine Water Co.

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Public Notice Drought Conditions

Many know how dry it has been and the county has been in a drought for some time now. The Mars Hill & Blaine Water Company has been monitoring the water source very close and feel the need to ask our customers to conserve water where they can.

Some ways to conserve water consumption are listed below:

Outside water use:

- Avoid watering lawns
- Water garden plants only when necessary, either early in the day (before 9AM) or late in the evening (after 5PM) to avoid water loss by evaporation.
- Keep grass a bit longer than usual to promote soil moisture retention and help it develop deeper root system.
- Avoid washing cars and other vehicles
- Instead of using water to clean walkways, decks, or driveways, use a broom.
- Cover swimming pools when they are not in use to prevent evaporation.

Inside Water Use:

- Take shorter showers (approximately 5 minutes or less) avoid baths
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
- Collect and reuse clean household water (e.g., water from cooking can be used to water plants).
- Fix any leaks you may find around the house, including leaky toilets, which can use up to 200 gallons of water per day.

The water source for Mars Hill, Blaine and a few customers in Westfield come from Youngs Lake in Westfield. I have been with the utility for 22 years and have never seen the water source this low and have concerns going forward.

So I ask all customers to conserve where possible, if you notice someone using water with no regard to consequence's that may come from it, please notify me and I will speak to them.

Sincerely,
Robert Lento
Superintendent
Mars Hill Utility District