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Georgia Environmental Protection Division declared a “Level 1” Drought Response to include Fayette County

Fayette County, Georgia, October 22, 2019 – Fayette County is part of the Georgia’s Environmental Protection Division’s declaration of a Level 1 drought response. This declaration was issued October 18, 2019.

Public water utilities in 103 counties will be required to begin a public information campaign to help citizens better understand drought, its impact on water supplies and the need for water conservation. “The current flash drought we are in is primarily agricultural, but it can also affect water supply,” said state climatologist Bill Murphey. “It came on quickly due to the intense daytime heating, lack of rainfall and sudden decrease in soil moisture we experienced in September.”

The outdoor water use schedule required under the Water Stewardship Act of 2010 remains in place. It limits outdoor water use year-round to the hours between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. There are several exceptions to this limitation listed at <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/water-conservation>.

All Fayette County citizens are encouraged to take reasonable measures to be responsible stewards of our water resources and are urged to be very mindful of their individual water use during this time.

Water conservation information is available at <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/water-conservation>.

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