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Fulton to Implement Tougher Water Use Restrictions than the State

County must meet mandate set by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Department of Public Works Director Angela Parker today unveiled a water use plan with tougher water use restrictions than those allowed under the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) February 11, 2008, outdoor water use resolution.

Under the EPD mandate, beginning April 1, 2008, Fulton will be required to reduce water use by 10 percent based on a water production baseline established during the months between April and September 2007.

The EPD resolution also includes exemptions from the Drought Level Four restrictions; however, in order for Fulton County to meet the mandated production limits established by EPD, tighter outdoor water use restrictions are required.

Fulton's water use restrictions are as follows:

- **Residents can hand-water outdoors for 25 minutes per day, one day per week, on an odd-even schedule**, while EPD will allow three-day-a-week hand-watering. Even-numbered addresses may water on Saturday between midnight and 10 a.m., and odd-numbered addresses may water on Sunday between midnight and 10 a.m. Hand-watering is defined as one person with one garden hose with a spray nozzle that shuts off when released.
- **Citizens can take advantage of a one-time, 30-day exemption for watering newly installed landscaping. The exemption requires customers to register online through the EPD Outdoor Water Use Registration Program hosted by the Urban Agricultural Council.** The web address is www.urbanagcouncil.com. The Fulton County plan contrasts with the EPD resolution, which allows residents to water newly installed landscape three days a week from midnight to 10 a.m. for 10 weeks, based on the odd/even schedule and registration on the Agricultural Council.
- **Residents can fill outdoor swimming pools as the state exemption allows.**

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Parker also told Commissioners that the County will continue to monitor water use and additional restrictions may be required as the summer proceeds.

Fulton County's Water Utility includes approximately 70,000 customers north of the city of Sandy Springs.

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