

Water restrictions- mandatory in some cities

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Mandatory water restrictions are popping up all over the state- a reaction to the drought.

Cities with restrictions include Blowing Rock, Hickory, Greensboro, Charlotte and Raleigh. Mandatory water restrictions currently affect over 2 million people across the state- and are in effect for 57 of the 592 water systems, the state Division of Water Resources released yesterday. While restrictions in most of the High Country are still voluntary, officials do not know how long it will stay that way. According to Boone Mayor Loretta Clawson, Public Utilities officials are monitoring water intake daily to identify when, and if the need for mandatory water restrictions arises.

In Caldwell County, however, mandatory water restrictions have been issued for all municipalities. Watering is only allowed on Wednesday and Saturday. Sprinkler systems may be used between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m. on the designated watering days, and residential car washing is prohibited. More restrictions may follow if conditions do not improve. Residents who do not comply will be fined.