

Blowing Rock in Stage 3

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As of today, the Town of Blowing Rock is officially in stage 3 water shortage conditions.

Water usage outside is forbidden except for firefighting purposes, including in swimming pools. Under the Town Water Ordinance, offenders may have their water service disconnected.

The following is a copy of Blowing Rock's Stage 3 Water Shortage Advisory:

TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK

To Move to Stage III Water Shortage Advisory

Effective on October 8, 2007

Western North Carolina is in an extreme to exceptional drought and most of the rest of the state is in a severe drought, officials with the U.S. Drought Monitor stated this week. North Carolina continues to experience below normal precipitation and above average temperatures.

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With worsening drought conditions, no significant forecasted precipitation and increasing town reservoir lake level drop, the Town of Blowing Rock will move to Stage III Conservation measures effective on Monday, October 8, 2007 to more effectively protect our water supply and the health and safety of our citizens.

During Stage III, the following stringent mandatory water restrictions shall be in effect - It shall be unlawful to use water supplied by the Blowing Rock municipal water system for the following purposes:

(a) To use water outside a structure for any use other than an emergency involving fire. (All outdoor watering is prohibited)

(b) To introduce water into any swimming pool.

(c) To serve drinking water in restaurants, cafeterias, or other food establishments, except upon re-request.

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(d) To make any non-essential use of water for commercial or public use, and the use of single service plates is encouraged and recommended in restaurants.

(e) To operate an evaporative air conditioning unit which recycles water; except during the operating hours of business.

Pursuant to the Town Water Ordinance, service may be temporarily discontinued for willful disregard of this ordinance and a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar reconnect fee may be imposed before restoration of service. In the event of continued gross noncompliance of this ordinance the removal of the meter will be deemed proper and service will be discontinued and all tap fees and deposits forfeited.

We appreciate your continued cooperation during this extended period of dry weather conditions. For additional information on ways to conserve water, please contact (828) 295-5200 or visit www.townofblowingrock.com.

Helpful Water Conservation Tips:

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http://www.ncwater.org/Water_Supply_Planning/Water_Conservation/wc_tips.pdf

<http://www.p2pays.org/water/moretips.asp>

<http://www.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/simple.htm>