

## Governor keeps pushing water conservation

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Despite last week's rainfall, Governor Mike Easley is still pushing for statewide water conservation.

In a statement to the Associated Press yesterday, Easley said, "you have to keep in mind that, unless we're taking in as much new water as we're using, we're still in trouble."

State government has cut its water use by 31 percent since spring, and Easley says other industries need to follow suit.

The biggest effort must be made by individuals making permanent changes, he said.

Last week, Easley asked residents to cut their water use by half in order to see how they can cope with a worst-case situation. That trial period ends today and data on water use is still being compiled.