

Easley says again, Conserve

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Governor Mike Easley called on all citizens yesterday, including those who rely on private wells, to continue to conserve water.

His speech came after last week's rainfall decreased the number of exceptional drought counties from 72 to 22. Easley says the rainfall's effects could be short-lived "as climatologists are predicting a drier-than-average winter."

Easley renewed his call for North Carolinians to eliminate outdoor water use. All sources of water are important to sustain during the drought he says, even private wells.

Both state and federal officials monitoring ground water have found wells are approaching or exceeding record lows. Some people have been getting around water restrictions by using well water to wash their cars and irrigate their lawns. While such uses are not restricted by public water system ordinances, Easley says it's still wasteful and decreases the amount of water available for others. For more information on North Carolina's drought, visit www.ncdrought.org