

Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa County Urged to Conserve Water

Okaloosa County is experiencing a moderate drought and all residents are encouraged to exercise water conservation. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board is urging all of Northwest Florida to reduce its water use by following these voluntary guidelines:

- Limit landscape irrigation to no more than two days per week, during low evaporation hours of 4 until 10 p.m.
- Golf courses are encouraged to limit hours of irrigation.
- Water-based recreation should be reduced if it requires pumping, diverting or otherwise using natural water supply for recreation, to include filling duck ponds.
- Decorative fountains which use water should be discontinued at this time.

Okaloosa County Water & Sewer Department actively promotes the practice of water conservation year-around. "I cannot stress enough how important it is that each and every person in Okaloosa County take all reasonable steps to conserve our precious water resources," says Jeff Littrell, director, Water and Sewer Department. For additional information on how to conserve water contact 850-651-7171 or visit our website, www.co.okaloosa.fl.us.

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Did you know?

- Dishwashers use 9-12 gallons, while hand washing dishes uses 20 gallons!
- A dairy cow drinks 4 gallons of water to produce 1 gallon of milk!
- A 5 min. shower uses 15-20 gallons of water.
- 1 inch of rain drops 7,000 gallons or 30 tons of water on a 60'x180' land parcel.