



December 27, 2023

Re: Drought Watch

To the customers of Washington Township Municipal Authority

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP) has placed numerous counties in either a Drought Watch or Drought Warning category. I know we recently have had rain events, but over the longer timeframe, the county has been fairly dry.

Franklin County has been elevated to a Drought Warning. And even though our local triggers for a Drought Warning have not been hit, PaDEP in conjunction with the US Geological Survey (USGS) after monitoring precipitation, stream flow, groundwater levels, and soil moisture have initiated this water reduction.

We are asking all customers to reduce their daily water use by ~10 gallons per day. This can be easily accomplished by simply being mindful when water is running. Taking showers and not baths, taking shorter showers, and turning off the faucet when not actively in use are some clear ways to conserve water use. And running toilets are the biggest cause of water waste in a home. If you hear the water running in a toilet other than normal flushing, this water is being wasted and purchased by you, the homeowner. It is in your best interest to address any toilet leaks as soon as possible even outside of this water conservation period.

The Drought Watch will be lifted by PaDEP in the future and WTMA has no knowledge of when this will happen.

Please contact the WTMA office with any further questions or concerns.
Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Zeigler".

Andrew Zeigler
Managing Director