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Effective March 11, 2008 the Cities of Graham and Mebane have reduced to Voluntary Conservation Stage I water restrictions, for all water users of the Graham-Mebane Lake reservoir. This reduction affects the customers of the following Cities; Graham, Mebane, Green Level and Swepsonville. The Graham-Mebane Lake is the water supply for those communities and is now approximately 95% full. The lake reached its lowest level of 87 inches down on December 17th and since then has recovered to 8 inches down today. Despite our area still being in drought status our lake has greater than one year of adequate supply. The City is planning to stay at the Voluntary Conservation Stage until our area is out of this drought. See Voluntary Restrictions below. Should you have any questions please feel free to call Swepsonville Town Hall at 336-578-5644.

Voluntary Conservation Stage I include the following voluntary water restrictions:

- (1) An extensive publicity campaign will be initiated using public media and specialized methods to inform the public of an impending water shortage.
- (2) Residential conservation measures will be encouraged and recommended including the following:
 - a. Use shower for bathing rather than bathtub and limit shower to no more than four (4) minutes.
 - b. Limit flushing of toilets by multiple uses.
 - c. Do not leave faucets running while brushing teeth, shaving or rinsing dishes.
 - d. Limit use of clothes washers and dishwashers and when used, operate fully loaded.
 - e. Limit lawn water to that which is necessary for plants to survive.
 - f. Water shrubbery the minimum required, reusing household water when possible.
 - g. Limit car washing to the minimum.
 - h. Do not wash down the outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, etc.
 - i. Install water flow restrictive devices in shower heads.
 - j. Use disposable and biodegradable dishes.
 - k. Install water saving devices such as water filled plastic bottle or commercial units in toilet tanks.
 - l. Limit hours of operation of water-cooled air conditioners.
- (3) It is recommended that water supply line pressure reducing valves be set to the minimum necessary for effective operations of fixtures and equipment.
- (4) Conservation in public buildings, institutions, dormitories, etc. is encouraged by reducing pressure at plumbing fixtures, by installation of restricting devices and shutting down on water flow control devices, and by only periodic flushing of urinals.
- (5) All residents, businesses and institutions are requested to temporarily delay new landscape work until the water shortage has ended.

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