

# NOTICE

## Pa DEP Drought Watch

**To: All NWWA Water Customers**  
**From: Robert C. Bender, NWWA Executive Director**  
**Date: September 8, 2022**

**Re: DROUGHT WATCH**

Please be advised that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Acting Secretary Ramez Ziadeh, announced drought declarations on August 31, 2022. 36 counties were added to the official drought watch.

The following is the list of counties under a drought declaration:

Berks, **Bucks**, Bradford, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Dauphin, Delaware, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mifflin, Monroe, **Montgomery**, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, and Wyoming.

The DEP declarations are in response to low stream flows, declining groundwater levels, and below-normal precipitation.

**The drought watch requires us to implement a reduction in water use by about 5 percent through voluntary conservation measures.**

Should bans on nonessential water use become mandatory, water rationing may be approved, if necessary, by the Commonwealth Drought Coordinator, as an agent of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council.

**Prudent use of our resources now can help us in preventing, or delaying, the need for more stringent emergency measures later.**

Please do what you can to reduce your daily water usage as is best possible. Typical reductions can be obtained by limiting or eliminating outdoor use of water, including the watering of lawns, shrubs, and gardens to the minimum. Also eliminating the washing of vehicles and refilling swimming pools whenever possible.

Although our water supply at our Forest Park Water Treatment Plant has not been negatively impacted, water conservation is recommended as requested by the DEP.

Additional information will be posted on our website at [www.nwwater.com](http://www.nwwater.com), as needed.