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RE: Ongoing Water Conservation Measures and Request to Decrease Water Consumption

Dear Osceola Water Works Customer –

The Osceola Water Board wanted to reach out to you as a reminder that, due to ongoing water supply and drought conditions, all Osceola water customers are asked to continue conserving water where ever possible.

Osceola's West Lake reservoir water levels continue to drop and without significant rain, the water supply will continue to diminish. This means advancing from Section 2: Water Warning to Section 3: Water Emergency will be discussed at the October meeting of the Osceola Water Board.

At this time the Osceola Water Board is encouraging all residential customers to conserve and target a threshold of 7,000 gallons or less. Commercial, Industrial and Institutional customers are also asked to conserve. Throughout these conditions, the Water Works team continues to work to find viable solutions to conserve water.

The following includes some tips for evaluating your residential water usage and finding / rectifying water leaks or areas of water concern.

Examine and Modify Your Habits:

Some of the simplest and least expensive ways to conserve water involve making small changes in how you use water.

For example:

- Do not let the water run while you brush your teeth or shave.
- Do not run your clothes washer or dishwasher before it is fully loaded.
- Do not take long showers or baths.
- Use a dishpan or plug the sink when washing and rinsing dishes by hand.
- Do not pre-rinse your dishes prior to loading them in the dishwasher.
- Install an automatic shut-off nozzle on your outdoor hose.

Check for Leaks

An average of about 14 percent of residential water is lost through leaking pipes, faucets, toilets, or other fixtures. This can have a large impact on water usage and conservation.

With a little effort, you can conserve many gallons of water.

A great resource with water conservation tips from the EPA can be found here
https://www3.epa.gov/region1/eco/drinkwater/water_conservation_residents.html

If you have questions or would like more information on the Osceola Water Works Conservation Plan or additional support, tips, or ideas for your home water conservation, please contact Osceola Water Works, at 208 W Jefferson St, Osceola, IA 50213, phone: [\(641\) 342-1435](tel:6413421435), email: osceolawater2@windstream.net.