

### Stage Three Drought Precautions:

To avoid further stressing water supplies and other impacts of drought, state and local governments, residents, and businesses are being asked to voluntarily take the following measures:

- Reduce, to the extent possible, the watering of lawns, recreational and athletic fields, gardens, or other landscaped areas (if watering is essential, late evening hours are best)
- Avoid burning in or near woodlands or brushlands
- Report dry fire/irrigation ponds or private wells to municipal drought liaisons or regional emergency management liaisons
- Postpone the planting of any new lawns or vegetation
- Minimize overall water use by fixing leaky plumbing and fixtures
- Take shorter showers
- Run dishwashers and clothes washing machines with full loads
- Shut off water while washing dishes, shaving, brushing teeth, and lathering up to wash hands, rather than running the water continuously
- Avoid washing vehicles or power-washing homes and other buildings
- Do not use water to clean sidewalks, driveways, and roads
- Do not use public water to fill residential swimming pools