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State of Water Emergency Declared in the Village of Highland Falls

A State of Water Emergency is hereby declared in the Village of Highland Falls effective immediately on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 for 30 days. The State of Water Emergency has been declared due to the extreme drought conditions of the Village water sources, Jim's Pond, Upper and Lower Bog Meadow Reservoirs and Glyceren Hollow stream.

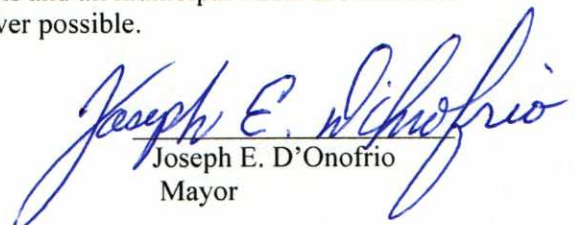
As the Mayor of the Village of Highland Falls, I, Joseph E. D'Onofrio, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law to preserve public health and safety, ensure adequate water for Village residents, and those outside the Village, who depend upon Village water sources by following the Water Supply Emergency Response Plan for the Village of Highland Falls. The Emergency Response Plan was last updated in July 2020 and includes guidelines contained in the Drought Response Plan as adopted by the Village of Highland Falls on June 1, 1989.

The Village has followed the below guidelines to date:

1. Drought Alert- Voluntary restrictions on water use was encouraged at the Village Board meeting on September 21, 2020 and published in the News of the Highlands, e.g. no washing of cars, no watering of plants, no washing driveways and similar non-essential water usage.
2. Drought Warning- continued restriction of water use was encouraged at the October 5th and October 19th, 2020 Village Board meetings, through the News of the Highlands, and the Village website.

The Village is currently in a Drought Emergency – Stage II of the EPA Regulation restricting water use. Orange County Department of Health has been notified of the situation and stands ready to assist if needed. Residents are encouraged to install water flow restricting devices on shower heads, faucets and other water devices and otherwise restrict the use of water as much as possible in cooperation to avoid a drought disaster declaration.

Until such time that the Village experiences significant rainfall, the Mayor and Village Board hereby order all residents & businesses of the Village of Highland Falls and all municipal water users in Fort Montgomery to restrict their water usage and conserve whenever possible.


Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Mayor

Village of Highland Falls Municipal Water System

EPA Stage II Mandatory Water Use Restrictions - Drought Emergency Orders:

A. No person or entity shall cause, permit or allow:

1. The continuing of any leak or waste from any pipe valve, faucet, conduit equipment, facility, or device connected to the municipal water system, or which utilizes municipal water, on or in any premises owned, used, leased, managed, operated or controlled by such person or entity.
2. The washing of any vehicle by means of source connected to municipal water system.
3. The washing of any street, sidewalk, driveway, outdoor area, steps, building exterior or other structures by means of source connected to municipal water system.
4. The use of water from any source for any ornamental purpose, including but not limited to use in fountains, artificial waterfalls, reflecting pools, lakes, and ponds.
5. The use of water from the municipal water system for watering of any golf course, lawn, ornamental shrub, plant or tree, except that municipal water may be used to irrigate from a hand-held container only, vegetables or fruits grown for human consumption.
6. The serving of water from municipal water system to any patron of a restaurant, club, or other eating establishment unless requested by such patron.
7. The use of water from the municipal water system to fill or maintain the water level in any swimming pool.

B. Each nonresidential user of water from municipal water system shall fully implement its Stage II Water Consumption Plan and shall immediately reduce use of water by no less than 20%.