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Water Conservation

The Minnesota DNR has notified us that due to prolonged dry weather that has resulted in expansion of severe drought, the Mississippi Headwaters watershed is moving to the Drought Warning Response Phase and the City of Litchfield is in this watershed.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITY?

They are asking us to remind our customers that it is always prudent to conserve our resources, whether it is water or any other resource. Everyone can do their part in conserving this important resource by reducing their water consumption. They are asking every customer to participate.

Here are some simple water-saving ideas you can use at home:

- *Shorter showers – five minutes or less*
- *Turn water off when brushing teeth*
- *Keep lawn watering to a minimum*
- ***Do not** water during daytime hours*
- *Water plants deeply and less often*
- *Fix leaks around the house*

There are numerous other small things to do to conserve water. Websites for water saving tips:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/appropriations/water-conservation-residents.html

<https://www.ready.gov/drought>

We appreciate your assistance in helping to protect our water resources!