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WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

May 26, 2021

Dear Carthage Citizen/Business Owner:

As we enter into the hot summer period, we are experiencing early signs of drought and water shortage. While we are not at an alarmingly low rate yet, we are concerned about our reserve water supply should the situation worsen.

In looking ahead to ensure our supply stays as readily available as possible during this time, we are asking all of the citizens of our town to voluntarily reduce your normal water usage by 5% until further notice. This recommendation follows Stage 1 of the NC Division of Water Resources guidelines on water conservation.

In Stage 1, water users are encouraged to reduce their water use and improve water use efficiency; however, no penalties apply for noncompliance. Some voluntary restrictions include:

- Irrigating landscapes a maximum of one inch per week
- Preventing water waste, runoff and watering impervious surfaces
- Watering plants deeply to encourage root growth
- Washing only full loads in clothes and dishwashers
- Using spring-loaded nozzles on garden hoses
- Identifying and repairing all water leaks

We are hopeful that with the help of our citizens we can ensure the supply stays sufficient through this dry spell. Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Town Hall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Allen Smith'.

Allen Smith
Director of Public Services