

**EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN**

The purpose of this Plan is to provide for the declaration of official phases of water supply shortages and the implementation of voluntary and mandatory water conservation measures throughout the East Daviess Water Association (EDCWA) in the event a shortage is declared.

Levels of Response:

Once the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet issues a water shortage watch, the EDCWA will formulate a Water Shortage Management Task Force. The Task Force shall be made up of at least ten (10) members from the following areas:

- * Board of Health
- * Businesses (especially large water users)
- * Chamber of Commerce
- * Churches
- * EDCWA Board of Directors**
- * Conservation District
- * Conservation Groups
- * County Coordinator, Disaster and Emergency Services**
- * County Health Department Officials
- * Division of Water, regional Office Representatives
- * Fire Chief
- * Industries (both self-supplied and those which purchase from municipal supplies)
- * Legal Representative**
- * Media Representatives (TV, radio, and newspapers)
- * Daviess County Sheriff
- * Professional Groups
- * PTA
- * Superintendent of Schools
- * Water Association Personnel**
- * Water Association Manager**

Once the Task Force has been formed, the East Daviess County Water Association will refer to the "Kentucky Water Shortage Response Plan" as a guide to addressing water shortage issues. The following are levels of response to be followed by the EDCWA:

**Required members

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Advisory Stage: 45-59 days of supply remaining

- Issuance of a water shortage advisory via a public notice in the "Messenger-Inquirer", the "Hancock Clarion" and the "Ohio County Time-News". Also, in the notice, the EDCWA will inform the public of the potential problems and request conservation by all users by asking them to reduce their average daily usage by 10%.
- Begin information campaign using bill stuffer which outline the EDCWA's response plan and common conservation practices (see pg. 36 of the "Kentucky Water Shortage Response Plan" guide for common practices.)
- Continue to closely monitor supply levels

Alert Stage: 21-44 days of supply remaining

- Issue a Water shortage alert (via a public notice). Also, inform that all Class 3 uses (refer to the "Kentucky Water Shortage Response Plan" guide for definition of Class 3 uses) are banned. Also, illustrate in the notice that an enforcement policy is in place.
- Give a maximum usage for residential, commercial, and industrial users to be determined by the Task Force.
- Monitor compliance with restricted uses and enforce through: Written Warnings, Monetary fines and, in extreme cases, discontinuing service.

Emergency Stage: 14-20 days of supply remaining

- Water shortage emergency declaration (via a public notice) and inform the public of new pricing measures to deter excessive use of water as well as a ban on Class 3 and Class 2 uses.
- Use of bill stuffers to inform the public of additional conservation measures that can be taken to reduce water usage.
- Implement stricter maximum usage for residential, commercial and industrial users.
- Increase conservation pricing
- Monitor all drought-related activities, especially compliance with the bans and enforce through: Written Warnings, Monetary Fines and discontinuing service in extreme cases.
- Begin looking to Southeast Daviess County Water District for additional water supplies.

Water Rationing Stage: Less than 14 days of supply remaining

- Begin mandatory allocation of water
- Inform the public (via a public notice) of the rationing stage.
- Enact stricter conservation pricing
- Set new conservation goals and monitor all shortage-related activities, especially compliance with the allocation. Enforce Written Warnings, Monetary Fines and discontinuing service in extreme cases.

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In order for the EDCWA to enforce a water shortage response plan, a Local Ordinance must be adopted that outlines the levels of conservation for each stage and the specific penalties to be enforced during a time of conservation. The response plan will be enforced by the local authorities and the Manager of the EDCWA.

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