

# HEARD COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

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September 6, 2011

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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ATTN; Director F. Allen Barnes

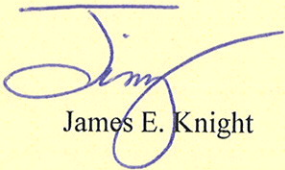
Dear Director Barnes,

The Heard County Water Authority is requesting to implement stricter water restrictions until such time as the water supply has increased and the drought has eased.

A copy of the proposed water restrictions are attached for your considerations.

Thank you for your service to the State of Georgia and the environment.

Sincerely,



James E. Knight

Executive Director

Heard County Water Authority

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Water Ban Effective  
September 7, 2011

Due to the continued lack of rain the Heard County Water Authority is forced to implement a total outdoor water use ban. This ban applies to all residential and commercial customers of the authority. The permitted and prohibited outdoor uses are as follows.

Prohibited:

1. All landscape watering. (See #1 below)
2. Washing of vehicles, such as cars, boats, motorbikes, airplanes and golf carts.
3. Filling of installed swimming pools except when necessary for health care or structural integrity.
4. Washing of buildings or structures except for immediate fire protection.
5. Non-commercial fund-raisers, such as car washes.
6. Using water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools, and waterfalls except when necessary to support aquatic life.

Permitted:

1. The irrigation of home gardens.
2. Irrigation or water use by the following licensed commercial entities and certified or licensed professionals.
  - a. The irrigation of newly installed landscaping for up to 30 days.
  - b. Sod producers
  - c. Ornamental growers
  - d. Fruit and vegetable growers
  - e. Producers of food and fiber
  - f. Car washes
  - g. Watering in of pesticides and herbicides
  - h. Other activities essential to daily business

The Heard County Water Authority appreciates everyone's cooperation as we ensure our supply of water for essential uses.

# Georgia Department of Natural Resources

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, East Floyd Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

Mark Williams, Commissioner

F. Allen Barnes, Director

Environmental Protection Division

September 9, 2011

Mr. James E. Knight  
Executive Director  
Heard County Water Authority  
P.O. Box 610  
Franklin, Georgia 30217

RE: Request for variance from outdoor water use requirements

Dear Mr. Knight:

This is in response to your letter dated September 6, 2011, requesting a variance from the current outdoor water use requirements of the Georgia Water Stewardship Act (Act), as found in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 12-5-7. Specifically, the Heard County Water Authority has requested a total outdoor water use ban for all residential and commercial customers.

As provided in Section 12-5-7(a)(1) of the Act, the Director of EPD may grant such a variance provided there is sufficient evidence that the more stringent restrictions are needed to avoid or relieve a local water shortage. Based on the information you provided in support of your request, and in consideration of the ongoing drought conditions occurring within your area, your request is hereby approved and may remain in effect until such time as you provide notice to EPD that the above referenced restrictions are no longer necessary.

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Mr. Kirk Chase in the EPD Drinking Water Program at 404-656-2750.

Sincerely;



F. Allen Barnes  
Director