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GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The City of Glenwood Springs has initiated Level 2 of its Drought Management Plan and is asking all City water users to reduce indoor and outdoor water usage.

Streamflows in Grizzly Creek and No Name Creek, the City’s primary raw water sources, are at **historically low levels**. Water personnel are concerned whether adequate water supply can be diverted to treatment facilities to maintain current demands if streamflows continue to drop.

Low streamflow conditions will likely persist until heavy and continuous rainfall occurs. Water conservation efforts must be made city-wide by residents and businesses. Mandatory water restrictions will go into effect if voluntary water conservation efforts are not successful. The City Manager may implement water restrictions if deemed necessary.

City officials are asking all water users across Glenwood Springs to keep water usage at a minimum until water levels improve. Specifically, the City is strongly encouraging all water users to avoid outdoor water irrigation from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. when temperatures and direct sunlight are high.

In addition to the recommended outdoor irrigation time, residents and businesses should also implement the following water conservation tips in an effort to avoid mandatory water restrictions:

Outdoor Conservation Tips

- Water only when necessary and preferably in the mornings or evenings
- Install Xeriscape landscaping
- Encourage landscapes that maximize water efficiency
- Plant during the spring or fall
- Cut lawn grass high to hold moisture
- Use a sprinkler for large areas of grass and water small patches by hand

Indoor Conservation Tips

- Check for and repair leaks

- Install a high efficiency toilet and only dispose flushable items in the toilet
- Take showers instead of baths; if you must take a bath, plug the tub before turning on the water and then adjust temperature as the tub fills up
- Use water-saving showerheads, faucets, dishwashers, and washing machines
- Keep a pitcher of water in your refrigerator instead of running tap water for cold drinks
- Wash produce in a sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running tap water

Additional water conservation information and drought management plans are available on the City's website: <http://cogs.us/196/Water>.

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