

# NOVEMBER 18, 2016 – DROUGHT LEVEL II



## GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION (EPD) OUTDOOR WATER USE LEVEL 2 DROUGHT RESPONSE SCHEDULE

The City of Thomaston and Upson County Since May has a deficit of 13.12 inches of rain. Due to the persistent lack of rain fall in the northern half of the state especially in the Upson County area, the City of Thomaston Water Department is imposing additional OUT DOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS. Even numbered addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. Odd number addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. This declaration will be enforced till further notice.

**Water only as needed!** Remember: In the fall and winter months, outdoor plants need less water. **Water when plants show signs of distress** (curling, wilting, graying foliage

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

## What's Allowed

*The following practices are not subject to the before 10am and after 4pm or twice a week restrictions:*

- Irrigation of personal food gardens
- Irrigation of new and replanted seed, turf or plants for a period of 30 days following installation
- Watering with drip irrigation or soaker hose
- Hand watering, including hoses with shut-off nozzles
- Use of water withdrawn from private water wells



Thank you for your cooperation and patience during these distressed dry period. If you have any question, please contact us at 706-647-9694.

## What's NOT Allowed

- Washing streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways
- Ornamental uses, such as fountains and waterfalls
- Washing vehicles (cars, boats, etc.) at home
- Non-commercial washing or pressure washing
- Charity, or non-commercial fundraiser, car washes

## Steps Thomaston Residents Can Take to Conserve Water

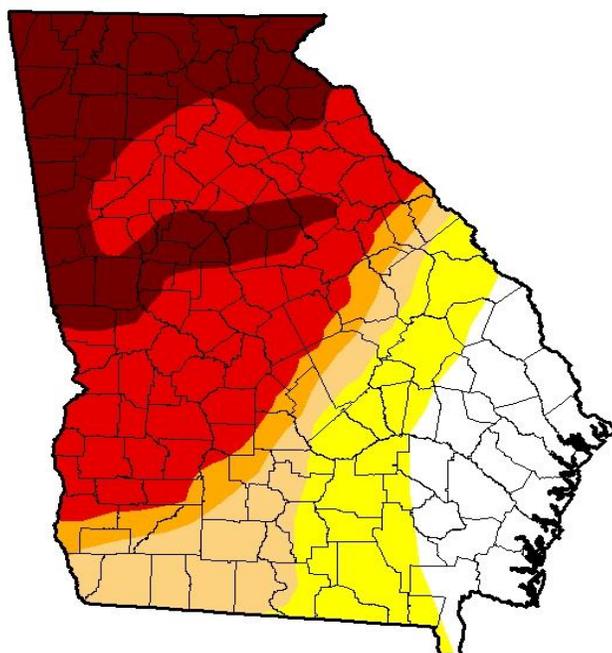
Here are some ways Thomaston residents can save water:

- Check and repair leaks inside and outside the home.
- Shorten showers and turn off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
- Fill dishwashers and washing machines. Make sure there is a full load every time.
- Replace older toilets and shower heads with high efficiency models. If your home was built before 1993, you may qualify for a [toilet rebate](#).
- Choose efficient appliances. Look for [EPA WaterSense and](#) ENERGY STAR labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures.
- Scrape dishes before washing them. Avoid using the garbage disposal. It wastes a lot of water and can contribute to pipe clogs.

Find more conservation tips at [My Drops Counts](#).

# U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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(Released Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016)  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	15.69	84.31	69.18	58.03	52.39	22.25
<b>Last Week</b> 11/9/2016	15.69	84.31	64.43	50.53	42.02	17.22
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 8/16/2016	29.24	70.76	45.09	29.79	9.34	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/29/2015	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/27/2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11/17/2015	88.91	11.09	1.73	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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