

The Village of Bald Head Island

The latest information from NC Drought has down graded Bald Head Island and the entire East Coast from Severe Drought to Moderate Drought. Due to this change the Village Council at the March 14th Council Meeting unanimously voted to move from Phase II (Mandatory Conservation) to PHASE I (Voluntary Conservation). The Village is encouraging the public to voluntarily comply with the following water conservation measures:

- 1) Limit lawn watering to that which is necessary for the lawn to survive.
- 2) Water shrubbery the minimum amount required, reusing household water when possible.
- 3) Limit cart and boat washing to the minimum.
- 4) Refrain from washing down outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, and the like.
- 5) Use showers for bathing rather than baths, and limit showers to no more than four minutes.
- 6) Refrain from leaving faucets running while shaving or while rinsing dishes.
- 7) Limit use of clothes washers and dishwashers and when used, operate fully loaded.
- 8) Install water-flow restrictive devices in showerheads.
- 9) Use disposable and biodegradable dishes.
- 10) Install water-saving devices such as bricks or commercial units in toilet tanks to reduce volume.
- 11) Ensure toilet flapper valves are not leaking. This flapper can be checked by adding a food coloring to the toilet tank and visually checking to see if the color appears in the bowl. If it does show color the toilet is leaking.

It is important to note that if rainfall amounts drop in the spring without considerable improvement, it may become necessary for the Village to move the water restrictions back to Mandatory Conservation measures.

The Village would like to thank the Village residents, businesses, and guests for complying with these significant conservation measures.