

GWINNETT COUNTY, GA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

WATER CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners approved a Water Conservation Resolution on December 2, 2008 that delegated the authority to manage the County's water conservation program to the County Administrator until rescinded by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County has been under State Drought Response Level 4 as ordered by the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD); and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2009 the Director of EPD declared the state of Georgia to be in a non-drought condition, and

WHEREAS, Gwinnett County desires to follow the state's lead and allow our citizens and businesses more flexibility in using water for outside uses, and

WHEREAS, the lessening of the outdoor watering restrictions to allow uses that have been prohibited for many months and will be potentially beneficial to all of the Gwinnett County citizens and businesses.

NOW THEREFORE, Gwinnett County encourages all citizens continue to conserve water for all uses including indoor usage and business purposes.

FUTHERMORE, THE FOLLOWING DECISION SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED:

1. Gwinnett County will follow the outdoor water use rules approved by the state Department of Natural Resources and enforced by the state Environmental Protection Division found at 391-3-30.
2. Gwinnett County will continue its participation in the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's toilet rebate program in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per year or as authorized in the current year budget.

3. The Department of Water Resources will continue to distribute water conservation kits, at not to exceed \$100,000 per year or as authorized in the current year budget.
4. All county departments and facilities shall continue to implement reasonable and prudent water conservation measures.
5. The Department of Water Resources shall continue a comprehensive water conservation program to include water accounting and billing practices to limit the loss of finished water; such programs and practices to include an emphasis on leak detection and correction, replacement of faulty meters, careful management of system flushing and testing procedures, and other measures that will reduce the instance of unbilled water.
6. Repeat violators of outdoor water use schedule may be subject to immediate lock off and/or issuance of a fine of up to \$1000.
7. This Administrative Decision supersedes and replaces Administrative Decision Document executed April 20th, 2009.
8. This Administrative Decision shall remain in place until amended or superseded by a subsequent Decision.

EXECUTED, this 18th day of June, 2009.

GWINNETT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

By: *Jock A. Connell*
Jock A. Connell

ATTEST:

Marie Dickey
County Clerk/Deputy County Clerk

(Seal)



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
County Attorney