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Governor Hochul Directs Department of Environmental Conservation to Issue Drought Watch for 21 New York Counties

The National Weather Service outlook for the remainder of the summer predicts above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation. By voluntarily reducing water usage, and being extra careful with fire and outdoor flames, New Yorkers can help conserve our natural resources during these dry days of summer.

To protect water resources, homeowners are encouraged to voluntarily reduce outdoor water use and follow these tips:

- Water lawns only when necessary, choose watering methods that avoid waste, and water in the early morning to reduce evaporation and maximize soil hydration;
- Reuse water collected in rain barrels, dehumidifiers, or air conditioners to water plants;
- Raise lawn mower cutting heights. Longer grass is healthier with stronger roots and needs less water;
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks; and
- Fix leaking pipes, hoses, and faucets.

For more water saving tips, visit DEC's webpage at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5009.htm>

See Governor Hochul 's full Press Release at

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-directs-department-environmental-conservation-issue-drought-watch-21-new-york>