

NO WATER USE RESTRICTIONS FOR MDC CUSTOMERS *Reservoirs at normal levels for August*

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(HARTFORD, CT) – Recently, several water companies in Connecticut have issued water conservation alerts to citizens, businesses, institutions and users of their potable water supply due to the recent lack of precipitation in the area. While water conservation is always prudent, there are currently no mandatory or voluntary water use restrictions being requested of MDC customers.

Even with recent dry conditions, the Metropolitan District’s (MDC) drinking water reservoir supply stands at over 90% of capacity, which represents approximately 600 days of supply in storage which assumes regular water production and zero rainfall over that time period. This is normal when compared with the historical capacity and supply levels for this time of year.

The MDC’s water supply is unique in that it is a surface water supply system of reservoirs that includes the 30.3 billion-gallon Barkhamsted Reservoir and the 9.5 billion-gallon Nepaug Reservoir. The Barkhamsted Reservoir is the largest drinking water reservoir in Connecticut, while the Nepaug is the fourth largest. When full, these two reservoirs store almost 40 billion gallons of water, a volume equivalent to 660 days of supply or 22 months of typical water use.

Because of the large size of its reservoirs relative to the amount of water typically used, the MDC is better able to sustain operations during dry conditions than other water utilities in Connecticut. It is important to note that the MDC’s vast Barkhamsted Reservoir watershed area, that extends into Massachusetts, can receive rainfall even if the greater Hartford area doesn’t.

The MDC will continue to monitor weather conditions and reservoir levels and advise customers if and when conditions warrant any water use restrictions in our service area.

***About MDC:** The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.*

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