

News Release

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## **SC Drought Committee Upgrades Drought Status for 28 Counties**

York County, SC--On [June 19, 2015](#), the South Carolina Drought Response Committee upgraded the drought status to Stage 1 (Incipient) for 28 counties, including York. Due to low rainfall levels, York County Utilities will follow suit and enter a Stage 1 drought level. At Stage 1, we encourage customers to voluntarily reduce water usage, aiming for an overall system reduction of 3-5%.

Voluntary conservation methods can include:

- Using low-volume, drip irrigation and handheld watering to reduce the use of sprinklers, irrigation systems or other remote landscape watering devices.
- Limit watering to no more than two days per week.
- Use best management practices regarding efficient irrigation. Visit [www.irrigation.org](http://www.irrigation.org) for tips and guidelines.
- Reduce washing down of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts and other hard surfaced areas.
- Reduce washing down buildings for purposes other than immediate fire protection.
- Reduce flushing of gutters.
- Reduce residential washing of vehicles. Use car washes that use recycled water instead of washing vehicles at home.

The Drought Response Committee and County staff will continue to monitor water levels and system use to determine if further action is necessary.