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## **Kingston Water Department**

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**Notice:**

**For Immediate Release**

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### ***Drought Alert***

The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Kingston is declaring a drought alert for all its customers. To accommodate the mandated construction work for the Cooper Lake Dam Rehabilitation project, last July the level at our Cooper Lake Reservoir had to be lowered 10ft below maximum capacity. This level needs to be maintained for the duration of the dam construction. This in combination with the lack of recent rainfall and warmer weather has caused the reservoir to continue to drop.

During a drought alert, all our customers are requested to voluntarily conserve water whenever possible. We all use water differently, so please take a minute to think about how you can conserve. Some simple suggestions include taking shorter showers, running dishwashers, and washing machines only when full, repairing leaky faucets and toilets, and turning off the faucet while shaving, soaping hands, and brushing teeth. While this is voluntary at this stage, if the reservoir continues to drop, mandatory restrictions could be imposed. To avoid that situation, please do whatever you can to conserve. While we cannot control how much rain we get, we can do something about how much we use. Please conserve. In advance, thank you for your cooperation.