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Voluntary Water Restrictions:
Every Drop Counts!

On June 30, 2008, the Spartanburg area was upgraded to extreme drought status by the S.C. Drought Response Committee. We haven't experienced this level of drought since 2002. (The U.S. Drought Monitor calls this level exceptional drought). Stream flows continue to be at historically low levels. Your support is needed in order to ensure that we have an adequate water supply. You were previously asked to take voluntary measures to reduce your water usage. Spartanburg Water, in partnership with Goucher Water Company, Inman Campobello Water District, Liberty Chesnee Fingerville Water District, Meansville-Riley Water Company, Metropolitan Sub-District B, the Town of Jonesville and Woodruff-Roebuck Water District, is now asking customers to please comply with voluntary water restrictions and further limit usage. Watering lawns is one of the largest non-essential uses of water within the watershed. Customers are strongly encouraged to observe the outdoor watering schedule below:

Customers with street addresses, box numbers, or rural route numbers ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 and locations without addresses should water outside **only on Thursdays and Sundays**. For example, a customer with the address 222 Main Street would water on Thursday and Sunday only.

Customers with street addresses, box numbers, or rural route numbers ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 should water outside **only on Wednesdays and Saturdays**. For example, a customer with the address 225 Main Street would water on Wednesday and Saturday only.

These water restrictions are voluntary at this time. We will continue to monitor the drought situation and its impact on our reservoirs. Our goal is to reduce the water demand for our community by 15% and we believe that your support of the voluntary water restrictions will help us achieve this goal. Should the drought persist and the reservoirs continue to be impacted by low river flow into the lakes, mandatory water restrictions will likely become necessary.

For additional information on how you can help in this situation, please contact your local water system.

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