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To All Village of Suffern Residents:

Mandatory Stage 2 Water Emergency

As a result of rainfall shortages and declining water flows, Rockland County has declared a water emergency with mandatory restrictions for residents.

Rockland County Executive Ed Day put into effect a Stage 2 water emergency for the county Thursday that triggered water-use cutback for homes and businesses, including limit on watering lawns.

The mandatory water restrictions include the following:

- Properties with addresses ending in an odd number are instructed to water lawns only on Mondays and Thursday, while those with addresses ending in an even number can water only on Tuesday and Fridays between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. for automatic irrigation systems, or between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. for manual sprinklers or hose-fed irrigation systems.
- Water may not be used to wash non-public surfaces, including sidewalks, driveways, garages and patios.
- With the exception of emergency vehicles, only commercial car washes can clean cars, trucks and trailers.
- Water cannot be served in restaurants unless patrons request it.
- The use of flow-through, non-recycled fountains, artificial waterfalls, and reflecting pools is not permitted.
- Water cannot be used for flushing sewers or hydrants except for emergencies.
- All water leaks must be repaired within 48 hours.
- No bulk water supply from any source within the county may be exported outside the county.

Due to a 36- percent drop in average rainfall between March and June, “there is not enough water in the Ramapo River right now,” Day said. The river feeds wells that contribute to Rockland’s water supply.

Day announced the water emergency at Torne Valley Vineyard in Hillburn, which has the Ramapo River flowing beside it. He was flanked by Rockland County Legislator Harriet Cornell, chair of the county Task Force on Water Resources Management, and Daniel Miller, the water supply program manager for Rockland County Department of Health.

The mandatory water restrictions apply to all residents, including those with their own wells. The county Health Department will enforce the restrictions, and fines could reach as high as \$2,000 a day.

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For additional information please visit: <http://rocklandgov.com/departments/health/environmental-health/water-supply/drought-information/>