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Siletz River Flows Are Low - Water Conservation Requested

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Low streamflow is currently forecasted to continue in the Siletz River, a water source relied upon by the communities of Newport, Toledo, Siletz and Seal Rock. In addition to impacting drinking water supplies, low streamflow can have significant impacts on farm, forest, recreation, and natural resources sectors.

Preparation and timely response to low streamflow conditions are vital to the health and safety of our communities. As a proactive measure the City of Newport has voluntarily suspended pumping water from the Siletz River until the City's reservoirs reach a critical stage, at which time pumping will have to resume.

The City of Newport, City of Toledo, City of Siletz and Seal Rock Water District are asking our customers to conserve water to reduce our demand for Siletz River water. Specifically, we are asking customers to voluntarily:

- Minimize outdoor irrigation. If irrigation is necessary, please do so during the hours of 10:00 pm and 8:00 am.
- Refrain from washing cars (except at commercial establishments that recycle or reuse water in the cleaning process), equipment, and impervious surfaces, such as pavement.
- Refrain from filling pools and ponds.
- Avoid nonessential uses of water for such activities as recreation, remodeling, construction, and cleaning, unless absolutely necessary for public health or safety.

We appreciate the support and cooperation of the community as we respond to low streamflow conditions. Reducing the amount of water we remove from coastal streams, many of which are already impaired as a result of drought conditions, translates to better stream health and a more sustainable water supply for the future. Taking action to reduce our demand on the Siletz River now also makes it less likely that we will need a greater level of water conservation later this summer.

We are monitoring conditions, along with the state's natural resource and public safety agencies (including the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management), and we will provide updates as needed.

Additional ways to conserve water in and around your home include:

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Some refrigerators, air conditioners and ice-makers are cooled with wasted flows of water. Consider upgrading with air-cooled appliances for significant water savings.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Choose shrubs and groundcovers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.
- Check your faucets, toilets, and irrigation systems for leaks.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.
- Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler, and rainfall is more plentiful.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Water your lawn and garden in the early morning or late evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up.
- Turn off the water while you wash your hair to save up to 150 gallons a month.

To learn more about water conservation, please visit www.srwd.org or <https://wateruseitwisely.com/>

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