

DROUGHT WATCH DECLARATION

On June 15, 2023, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) placed all 67 Counties in Pennsylvania under a Drought Watch declaration.

As a result of this declaration, the Shippensburg Borough Authority (SBA) will continue to review its Drought Contingency Plan to see if additional measures are warranted. The SBA is asking the public to voluntarily conserve water and reduce their consumption by 5 – 10% of normal usage. Actions to assist in this effort include:

- Run dishwashers and washers only with full loads.
- Take showers instead of baths.
- Install water-saving devices on all showers and toilets where possible.
- Repair any leaks which may occur as soon as possible.
- Limit all unnecessary outside uses of water such as watering lawns and gardens, washing cars/sidewalks and porches, filling swimming pools, and other uses.
- Place a bucket under the shower to catch the water that is wasted while waiting for the shower to warm up. (PADEP website *Drop by Drop: Use Water Wisely During a Drought*)
- If you have a dehumidifier, use the water it collects to water flowers and gardens. (PADEP website *Drop by Drop: Use Water Wisely During a Drought*)
- Turn off ice makers for refrigerators and use trays. (PADEP website *Drop by Drop: Use Water Wisely During a Drought*)

The SBA continues to monitor its source water supplies in accordance with the PADEP's Drought Watch requirements.

More information on drought conditions may be found at:

<http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/PlanningConservation/Drought/Pages/default.aspx>