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The City's Public Works Director has issued a Water Emergency Order to supplement the Water Emergency Declaration issued last week.

The City is requesting a voluntary reduction of 30% for all residential, industrial, commercial, and institutional water uses. The City is also requesting the use of single serve table settings and drinking glasses when appropriate.

The City is prohibiting the following uses: irrigation of lawns and other landscaping; washing down of driveways and similar such outdoor uses; operating and filling of swimming pools; washing of vehicles; and operation of commercial car washes. This City is also requiring that restaurants serve water upon request only and that they use single serving table settings and glasses.

A copy of the Water Emergency Order, along with tips for conserving water to meet the 30% voluntary reduction target, can be found on the City's website.

The City's water supply remains safe to drink.

**PLATTSMOUTH PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
EMERGENCY ORDER 19-01 – WATER RESTRICTIONS**

A WATER EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, DIRECTING WATER USE RESTRICTIONS AND RELATED MEASURES DUE TO THE SHUT DOWN OF THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT FACILITY CAUSED BY RECENT FLOODING.

WHEREAS, the City's water treatment facility ceased operations on March 14, 2019 due to historic flooding along the Missouri River;

WHEREAS, the City's water has since been supplied by an emergency connection to the Cass County Rural Water District's (CCRWD) water system;

WHEREAS, the volume of water available to the City from the CCRWD system is less than that normally available from the City's system;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2019, the Mayor declared a water emergency and requested voluntary compliance with certain water restriction measures;

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Director has been evaluating water usage since the water emergency was declared and has determined that further restrictions are warranted; and

WHEREAS, the City's Public Works Director has the authority to order water restrictions and enforce the same pursuant to Section 7-117 of the Plattsmouth Municipal Code.

NOW THEREFORE, the Plattsmouth Public Works Director orders the following:

1. Voluntary Restrictions. The City requests a voluntary 30% curtailment of all residential, industrial, commercial, and institutional water usage not otherwise restricted by this Order. The City will make available, on its web site and social media, specific measures which may be used to reach this 30% target reduction goal. When appropriate under the circumstances, all restaurants and institutional users are requested to use non-washable disposable table settings and all bars and liquor serving establishments are requested to use single service drinking glasses.
2. Mandatory Restrictions. The following mandatory restrictions are ordered:
 - a. Irrigation of lawns and other landscaping is prohibited, except for irrigation using non-potable water from cisterns, rain barrels, and similar sources;
 - b. Operation and filling of swimming pools are prohibited;
 - c. Washing down of driveways and sidewalks and similar such outdoor uses are prohibited;

- d. Washing of vehicles, other than washing of certain vehicles for health and safety purposes, is prohibited;
- e. All commercial car washes shall suspend washing operations; and
- f. Eating and drinking establishments shall serve water to customers upon request only.

3. Enforcement. The City will enforce this Order by shutting off the water supply to noncompliant premises and by such other measures authorized under applicable state law and the City's Municipal Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 20, 2019.

ATTEST:


Sandra J. Meyer, City Clerk




Frodermann, Public Works Director