

The State of North Carolina is experiencing an unprecedented drought situation. Many communities have been under mandatory water restrictions since early this summer. The Town of Beech Mountain has implemented a Stage II Water Shortage Condition in order to comply with Governor Easley's order that mandatory restrictions be put into place. The following is a list of the restrictions being imposed.

- (1) To fill the newly-constructed swimming and/or wading pools or refill swimming and/or wading pools which have been drained.
- (2) To wash automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes or any other type of mobile equipment, including commercial washing.
- (3) To wash down outside areas, such as streets, driveways, service station aprons, parking lots, office buildings, exteriors of existing or newly-constructed homes or apartments, sidewalks or patios, or to use water for other similar purposes.
- (4) To use water from public or private fire hydrants for any purpose other than fire suppression or other public emergency.
- (5) To operate or introduce water into any ornamental fountain, pool or pond, or other structure making similar use of water.
- (6) To serve drinking water in restaurants, cafeterias, or other food establishments, except upon request.
- (7) To use water for any unnecessary purpose or to intentionally waste water.
- (8) All restaurants, businesses, and institutions are requested to temporarily delay new landscape work until the water shortage has ended.
- (9) To use water outside a structure for any use other than an emergency involving a fire.

All Town employees will be watching for anyone using water for any of these purposes. The Police Department will issue citations for anyone caught violating this order. Violation of this order will subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$100.