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DROUGHT CONDITIONS ALERT

Call for Voluntary Water Conservation- York Water District

Rainfall deficits in our region have resulted in drought conditions for Chase's Pond in York. The pond is nearly two feet below the average seasonal level. The York Water District (YWD) is asking for voluntary water conservation on non-essential water use.

For water conservation tips please go to:

https://www3.epa.gov/region1/eco/drinkwater/water_conservation_residents.html

Water transfer from Kennebunk:

We would like to make our customers aware that starting September 20th, a portion of water supplied to the distribution system will be from the Kennebunk, Kennebunkport & Wells Water District (KK&W) through our shared emergency interconnection on Route 1 North. YWD customers may notice a slight difference during this time which is unavoidable. Utilizing the interconnection is a benefit of long term collaboration between our neighboring Utilities. More importantly it extends Chase's Pond source of supply if the drought were to continue or worsen.

What is an interconnection?

A drinking water interconnection is a pipeline that connects two public water supply systems, in this case YWD and KK&W. The pipeline can pump treated water in either direction directly into the neighboring system to provide an emergency or backup source of treated water that meets all State and Federal drinking water standards. York Water District is fortunate to have two emergency interconnections at each end of our system one with KK&W to our north the other with Kittery Water District (KWD) to our south. These interconnections have been used many times since they were installed and are crucial to providing safe, uninterrupted drinking water service during times of emergency.

An FYI regarding Fluoride:

The water transferred from KK&W does have Fluoride at the regulatory target of 0.7 mg/L while water produced by YWD does not. Locations nearest the interconnection are likely to receive mostly KK&W water containing Fluoride near the 0.7 mg/L target dose. The further away from the interconnection the less likely customers will receive any significant amount of Fluoride as KK&W and YWD water will be mixed together effectively lowering the level. YWD will monitor KK&W's fluoride while we are transferring water.

Please feel free to contact us at 207-363-2265 if you have any questions or concerns.