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## **Residents reminded of voluntary water conservation stage**

**Rocky Mount, N.C.** -- As of Wednesday, June 1, Voluntary Water Conservation Stage I is now in effect. During this stage of voluntary water conservation, the city asks all water customers to be mindful of their water usage and to conserve when possible.

The North Carolina Department of Water Resources requires the city to release 80 cubic feet per second or approximately 52 million gallons of water per day from the Tar River Reservoir, which is the city's primary source of water. During the months of June through October, the NC Department of Water Resources allows the city to reduce the rate of release from the Tar River Reservoir to 70 cubic feet per second or approximately 45 million gallons per day provided the city issues a Declaration of Voluntary Water Conservation.

The Declaration of Voluntary Water Conservation Stage I does not require water restrictions, but it serves as a reminder to all water customers that our water supply is seasonally vulnerable, and that water conservation should be an everyday practice by all.

### **About Rocky Mount**

The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. The city was recognized as one of 10 winners nationwide of the 2020-21 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city's mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community toward a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit [www.rockymountnc.gov](http://www.rockymountnc.gov) for news and updates.

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