

# CATAWBA-WATEREE DROUGHT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP

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## Drought Management Advisory Group Concerned about Worsening Drought Conditions

The Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG) today noted its growing concern about the area's worsening drought conditions. Although it recommended its members continue with the present limits on outdoor water uses to no more than one day per week, it also decided to review the conditions more frequently. The Catawba-Wateree Basin remains in a Stage 3 drought. Local water suppliers will provide additional guidance on restrictions for their jurisdictions as appropriate.

"The hot weather is back, and we continue to receive less than average rainfall," said Ed Bruce, CW-DMAG coordinator. "Reviewing drought conditions more frequently allows for the CW-DMAG to respond to worsening conditions more quickly."

"Water suppliers in the CW-DMAG have closely tracked how customers have responded to the restrictions during this drought, and the reductions are impressive," said Maeneen Klein, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities' Water Conservation Manager. "We need the continued cooperation of all users in the basin during this extended drought."

The CW-DMAG will review the drought conditions again in early July.

## Drought and Weather Indicators

In arriving at its recommendation, the CW-DMAG reviewed the area's major drought indicators along with the National Weather Service's predictions of six-month weather trends.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map continues to show the area in an "Extreme" drought, just one level better than its worst drought designation, but an area in a neighboring basin now shows "Exceptional" drought, the worst designation