

# Water woes are back

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[Buckingham](#) is again urgently asking residents of [Furlong](#) to reduce the amount of water they use.

Water usage has once more surpassed well replenishment at developments that dot the village, a problem exacerbated by weeks of little rain.

"The situation has again returned to critical," the township warned in a message posted on its Web site.

Buckingham has been closely monitoring the well system for Furlong, which serves new developments with new landscaping that on average use far more water than the rest of the township.

Last year, Buckingham enacted use limits and beefed up water charges after availability fell to dangerous levels.

This summer, the township pleaded with residents to cut back when lower-than-expected yields combined with higher-than-expected usage.

Throughout September, well replenishment barely outpaced use. The weekend of Sept. 29 and 30, it fell below, despite all seven of the system's wells being pumped at their maximum rate 24 hours a day, the township said.

Supervisor Maggie Rash said Buckingham's water engineers are working with developers in the village to determine ways to increase the amount of water available.

Residents have been willing to try to use less water, and it is unlikely that mandatory caps will be needed this late in the season, she said.

In the short term, rain would help, Rash said.

"We're in a drought," she said. "It's hasn't rained in I don't know when."

In Furlong, rainfall from July 1 through Sept. 30 was more than 6 inches below average, according to the township.

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