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Drought Ends, But Water Conservation Still Advised

LITTLETON – The Littleton Water Department is advising customers to continue conserving water on a voluntary basis to avoid the need for mandatory water restrictions in the summer. While state officials recently lifted the region’s drought advisory, Littleton Water continues to monitor the water resources as the outdoor watering season begins.

“The water supply has certainly benefited from the recent rain and from our residents conserving water. While we are technically out of the drought, we are asking our ratepayers to continue their efforts to conserve water by avoiding unnecessary outdoor watering and reducing indoor use,” said Scott Edwards, General Manager of the Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments.

Without continued conservation of water, LWD may be forced to implement mandatory restrictions on outdoor watering in the summer months. If that happens, residents would be limited to the days, times and types of outdoor watering allowed.

To conserve water, LWD recommends the following:

- Watering the lawn should be restricted to no more than one inch per week. As a general rule, water for 20 minutes, three times per week to apply one inch of water.
- To minimize water loss due to evaporation, water outdoors before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
- Fix all leaks as quickly as possible.
- Install low-flow showerheads and sink aerators available from LELWD’s Green Rewards program.

For more tips on water conservation, visit www.lelwd.com or call the Littleton Water Department at (978) 540-2222.