



## **Water Conservation Press Release**

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Water utilities customers in Charlotte, DeSoto and Sarasota counties, along with the City of North Port, are being asked to conserve water for the next thirty days.

As Florida moves into the dry season, the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority is asking communities to use best practices for conserving water. The region has a sufficient amount of water supply, but as multiple utilities are making important repairs to their distribution systems and plants, conservation is important.

According to the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority's Executive Director Mike Coates, their water treatment facility is currently operating at 75 percent due to rehabilitation work that started in the spring.

Recently, water treatment facilities belonging to two of the Authorities' customers were taken off-line for emergency repairs, and those repairs are being delayed by the availability of parts and materials.

This combined impact of reduced treatment, distribution capacity and a rapidly increasing water demand are reasons for the voluntary water conservation request.

Coates added that interconnections with Manatee County, the City of Punta Gorda, and the Englewood Water District are also helping to make up the production capacity shortfall.

"The Authority currently has 6.5 billion gallons of water in our reservoir system, so the water resource is abundant. Yet, the production capacity needed to treat the water for public use is temporarily limited mostly due to repairs at multiple facilities," Coates said.

For more information regarding the Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority call 941-316-1776 or visit [www.Regionalwater.org](http://www.Regionalwater.org).