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Horton Residents Asked To Conserve Water

(KNZA)--Effective immediately, the City of Horton is under a voluntary water conservation directive.

That follows a special meeting held Friday evening by the Horton City Commission.

The city's residents are asked, due to the current hot, dry conditions, to use no water unnecessarily.

That includes watering lawns, washing vehicles, filling swimming pools, or spraying down sidewalks.

Additionally, other water conserving steps are also encouraged, such as operating dishwashers and washing machines only if full loads are being cleaned.

The voluntary conservation is the first step in a multiple phase process-including possible mandatory conservation-if the situation does not improve.

Mayor Tim Lentz says, based on the current levels of the city's wells, the water status is considered low to moderate.

The voluntary effort will remain in effect indefinitely, following the unanimous vote by the Commission to implement the procedure.

Additionally, in advance of any water shortage, Lentz says preparatory steps are being taken by the city government, in conjunction with Lonnie Boller, Surface Water Technician for the Kansas Rural Water Association(Play Audio)

Prior to Friday's early evening special meeting, conservation efforts were already being launched, including the local school district halting the watering of its football field, as well as the two Horton based banks turning off their water sprinklers until the all clear is given.

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