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**BJWSA issues irrigation reduction request**

*Customers are asked to suspend irrigation to conserve water on April 23 & 24*

**Okatie, SC – (April 19, 2024)** – Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority (BJWSA) is issuing a water use reduction request for its customers in Beaufort and Jasper Counties. Customers are asked to suspend landscape irrigation Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24. This request is being made as a precautionary measure while a tie-in of piping is being made at the Authority's Purrysburg water treatment plant. This tie-in is part of planned construction work to ultimately increase treatment plant capacity.

“The work being done is part of our Purrysburg water treatment plant expansion,” said General Manager Verna Arnette. “This necessary part of the project will limit our treatment capacity on Tuesday and Wednesday. By reducing demand, we can decrease the chances of service disruptions.”

Over the past several years, population growth has strained BJWSA’s ability to meet demand for treated water, especially during the morning hours. The \$60-million Purrysburg Treatment Plant expansion will double treatment capacity from 15 million gallons per day (MGD) to 30 MGD and help meet demand. The Authority is constructing several other system improvements to meet demand such as increasing system storage. The treatment plant expansion is expected to be complete by the summer of 2025.

In addition to this temporary conservation request, the Authority is attempting to reduce demand peaks with its irrigation management plan which involves adjusting irrigation timers to water only three days per week, on a rotating schedule. Customers with odd-numbered addresses are asked to irrigate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Those with even-numbered addresses are asked to irrigate on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. No irrigation should occur on Mondays or any day between the hours of 3 a.m. and 9 a.m. when water usage traditionally is at its highest.

For more information, go to [Be Water Wise | BJWSA, SC](#) or call 843-987-9200.