

WATER EMERGENCY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. What category emergency has been declared?
A. The “Type A” emergency has been declared. This category of water emergency imposes the least burdensome restrictions. In fact, most of the restrictions are already included in the annual water conservation program that is effective June through September.
- Q. Can I use my clothes washing machine and my dishwasher during the emergency?
A. Yes. Domestic uses are not affected by the emergency.
- Q. Can I flush my toilet during the emergency?
A. Yes. Sanitary uses are not affected by the emergency.
- Q. I have a private well that I use for watering my lawn? Does the emergency apply to me?
A. The answer is “no” in regard to watering your lawn. However, if you use Pemberton Township water rather than private well water for other outside uses (e.g., landscaping, filling your pool) the emergency applies to those uses.
- Q. I use public water for outdoor and landscape watering and for filling my pool. Does the emergency mean that I cannot water my lawn or fill my pool?
A. No, the emergency does not mean that you cannot water your lawn or fill your pool. However, you can only engage in those outside uses of water on certain days of the week and between certain hours. The ordinance and water emergency proclamation provide specific details about when you can water your lawn or fill your pool but, for example, assume you live at 100 Los Angeles Avenue. In that case, because you have an even number address, you can water the lawn or fill your pool on even number days (e.g., June 10th). Also, it is important to note that on the permitted days you may water the lawn or fill your pool only between the hours 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Q. I own a business. Does the emergency apply to me?
- A. You may use the public water system for such uses as are reasonably necessary for the conduct of your business or industry, but any outside uses of water (e.g., lawn watering) are subject to the same restrictions as non-businesses. For example, existing car washes, power wash companies, and contractors who must use water as a necessary component of their business or industry are permitted to do so.
- Q. How long will the emergency last?
- A. It is unknown how long the emergency will last. Pemberton Township officials and engineering consultants are working very hard to resolve the Township's water infrastructure problems so that the emergency can be rescinded as soon as possible. On the other hand, please remember that the water conservation program is in effect every year between June and September; so, most of the restrictions that are in place under this emergency will remain in place between June 1st and September 30th even if the emergency is rescinded in those months.

This FAQ sheet was prepared in order to help you understand the water emergency declaration, but it is not a substitute for the actual water emergency proclamation or the water conservation ordinance. You are strongly encouraged to review those documents carefully.

This FAQ sheet may be amended from time to time as we receive questions from the public.
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