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FINAL UPDATE: Mesa Storage Tank at Healthy Levels – Water Restrictions and Water Conservation Recommendations Rescinded

MANITOU SPRINGS, CO – Great news, Manitou Springs! Your dedicated efforts in conserving water have paid off. We are pleased to announce that the Stage 3 Water Restrictions and water conservation recommendations have been lifted, as the Mesa Storage Tank has returned to healthy levels.

A heartfelt thank you to our residents and business owners for their exceptional commitment to water conservation. Your actions have made a significant impact in securing our water supply.

With water conservation restrictions lifted, let's continue to work together to be mindful of and safeguard our precious water resources.

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UPDATE: Conserving Water Pays Off - Mesa Water Storage Tank Reaching Healthy Levels!

MANITOU SPRINGS, CO – We have an exciting update to share with the Manitou Springs community! Thanks to your remarkable efforts in conserving water, the Mesa Water Storage Tank has seen significant improvement. Currently, it stands at 24 feet of water, nearly double what it was yesterday. Your commitment to water conservation has made a tremendous impact!

While we celebrate this progress, it's important to remember that we are not in the clear just yet. We kindly ask everyone to continue adhering to the Stage 3 Water Restrictions and practicing water conservation measures as outlined. Your ongoing cooperation is essential as we work towards a sustainable water supply for our community.

Based on our projections, we anticipate the tank to reach healthy levels by tomorrow morning. If all goes as planned, we will be able to lift the water restrictions and rescind the conservation efforts. This positive outcome is a testament to the power of collective action.



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to each and every member of the Manitou Springs community for playing a vital role in conserving our most precious resource: water. Your dedication and commitment have truly made a difference.

Please stay tuned for further updates as we work together to ensure the long-term sustainability of our water supply. We are grateful for your continued support and cooperation.

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PREVIOUS RELEASE:

[City of Manitou Springs Calls for Only Essential Water Use and Water Conservation in Response to Excessive Rainfall and Snowmelt Runoff – Stage 3 Water Restrictions in Effect For 48 Hours](#)

MANITOU SPRINGS, CO – In light of the recent heavy rains and subsequent runoff, the City of Manitou Springs is urging its residents and businesses to prioritize water conservation by using water for only essential needs. The City's water treatment plant is facing limitations in processing water due to the increased volume of turbid water caused by heavy rainfall and snowmelt.

While the abundance of rain might suggest an ample water supply, it does not translate into the capacity for the water treatment plant to effectively treat and meet the demands of Manitou Springs during its peak season.

The excessive rainfall has led to elevated sediment and particle content in French Creek, the city's primary water source. Consequently, the water treatment plant and its filters are constrained in their ability to process a sufficient amount of water. As a result, the Mesa Storage Tank, which holds the city's main water supply, is not being adequately replenished.

While many water treatment plants face similar challenges, Manitou Springs is particularly affected due to its unique geographic location and recent local weather conditions.

At present, the Mesa Storage Tank, with a capacity of 2 million gallons, stands at approximately 25% capacity, which is about half of the City's desired capacity. To ensure sufficient water availability for everyone, it is crucial that water usage be limited to essential needs only.

Taking proactive and collaborative measures to reduce water usage, encompassing Manitou Springs' businesses, visitors, and residents, will be pivotal in maintaining water connectivity for all. Therefore, the City is implementing Stage 3 Water Restrictions for the next 48 hours and is recommending water conservation efforts among all members in the community.



By significantly reducing water usage, the City expects the Mesa Storage Tank to replenish to healthy levels within approximately 2 days.

A dedicated webpage to receive updates is located here:
<https://manitouspringsgov.com/699/Water-Conservation>

Water Conservation Recommendations:

- Cease the use of sprinklers and outdoor watering until further notice
- Only use water for essential needs like showering, cooking, and drinking
- Refrain from using water to wash sidewalks and cars
- Keep your showers short
- Avoid doing laundry and running a dishwasher
 - If you must do these activities, run the machines on the quickest setting

Remember, every drop counts! Conserving water is crucial to sustaining our community's water supply during this challenging period. Let's work together to make a difference and prioritize water for essential needs only.

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