

# Monroe County Drought Warning

## PA DEP has issued a drought warning for Monroe County

### What does this mean?

- A drought warning calls for a 10-15% voluntary reduction in water consumption.
- PA DEP Secretary David Hess warns "people should be prepared for what could be a lengthy drought. With freezing ground temperatures approaching, groundwater will not be able to recharge until spring".

### Ways to reduce water consumption

- #1 source of wasted water are "running" toilets. Stop by the BCRA office on Mill Creek Road for a free test kit.
- Repair all leaking pipes and faucets
- Install water saving plumbing fixtures
- Shorten shower times and don't run water unnecessarily such as while brushing teeth.

### What can happen next?

Without voluntary reduction, Monroe County could be placed on a drought emergency which requires mandatory restrictions on water use to prevent sources from drying up.

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