

Valley Falls implements Phase 2 water restrictions

(KNZA)--As the water level at Perry Lake continues to fall, the city of Valley Falls announced Monday they have entered stage 2 of the city's Emergency Water Plan.

The city entered Stage 1 of the plan on October 19 when the elevation of Perry Lake reached 890 feet. Since that time the elevation of the lake has continued to drop. As of 8:00 Monday morning, the elevation of Perry Lake was recorded at 888.9 feet, which triggered Stage 2 water restrictions.

According to a release from the city, the lake elevation is a key indicator of drought conditions. The drought conditions have a direct impact on the Delaware River, which is the main water supply for Valley Falls.

The city says the goal of Stage 2 is to reduce the peak demands by 20% and to reduce overall weekly consumption by 10%.

Under Stage 2, the public is required to curtail outdoor water use and make efficient use of indoor water.

This can be done by:

- Washing full loads of laundry**
- Take showers instead of full baths. Cut down time in the shower.**
- Don't let faucets run while washing dishes, brushing teeth, etc.**
- Don't let toilets run.**
- Limit outdoor water activities such as washing cars, watering lawns, or filling pools.**

City officials said they will continue to notify the public of any changes.