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# Paulding County Water System News

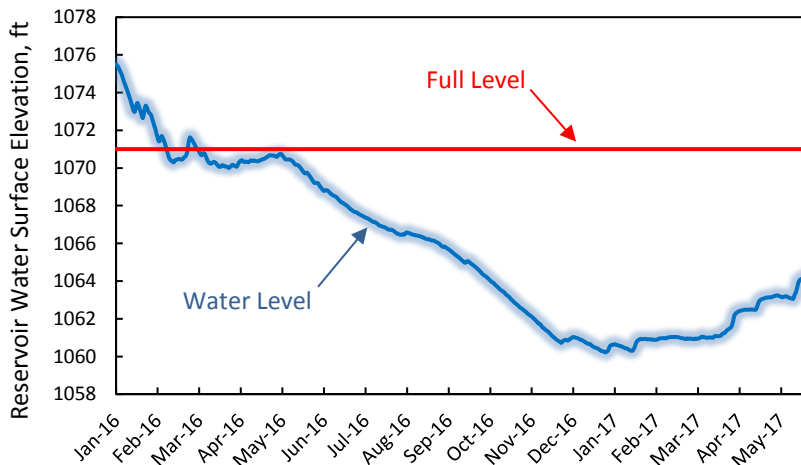
Richland Creek Water Supply Program – June 2017

## Drought Update

With the rain we've received this spring and some of our neighboring counties under reduced drought response levels, you might be wondering why Paulding County remains under a Level 2 drought response (set by the State of Georgia Environmental Protection Division). The answer is at the center of why the Richland Creek Reservoir Water Supply Program is being developed. Much of the Atlanta Metropolitan area gets its water from the Chattahoochee River, which is fed from Lake Lanier. That includes Cobb County and the Cobb County Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA), which gets water from both Lake Allatoona and the Chattahoochee River.

Since Paulding County currently gets all its water from CCMWA, that places it under the same response level as Cobb County (and most of metro Atlanta). While Lake Allatoona has refilled completely, as you can see in the graph below, Lake Lanier has not. It's encouraging that the level there has increased about 4 feet from its lowest point near the end of 2016, but it's still about 7 feet below its full level. It's at the third lowest level on record for this time of year, and during the summer, Lake Lanier usually drops more than 6 feet from spring levels.

Lake Lanier Water Level



**The Richland Creek Reservoir (RCR) is a new 305-acre reservoir that once completed, will supply over three billion gallons of drinking water to existing and future populations in and around Paulding County.**

Who should I contact for more information?

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Once Paulding County receives all its water from the new Richland Creek Reservoir and water treatment plant, the situation will be different. That's because the new reservoir will be filled with water from the Etowah River, which is fed from Lake Allatoona. As construction continues and we look forward to that time (as well as hoping for continued rains to help refill Lake Lanier and ease the current response level), please remember that we need to continue observing the Level 2 response requirements that remain in place. We thank everyone for their continued efforts in this.

**Outdoor watering restrictions  
for lawns, gardens and trees**

- Only as needed, up to **TWICE A WEEK** (even addresses and sites with no numbered address on Wednesday or Saturday and odd addresses on Thursday or Sunday)
- Only **BEFORE 10 AM** and **AFTER 4 PM**

**What's NOT Allowed**

- Washing streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways
- Ornamental uses, such as fountains and waterfalls
- Washing vehicles (cars, boats, etc.) at home
- Non-commercial washing or pressure washing
- Charity, or non-commercial fund-raiser, car washes



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