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The Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security has issued a Water Shortage Warning for all counties in Indiana. The goal of this warning is to achieve a 10% to 15% reduction in current water usage.

In response to this action, the Columbus City Utilities is asking its customers to voluntarily reduce their water usage in light of the continuing drought conditions. While there is still plenty of water in the underground aquifer and the City's wells and pumps continue to meet all the demands placed upon them, we are asking that customers take steps to use water wisely and conservatively. These steps can include minimizing lawn and garden watering, running only full dishwasher and laundry loads, and reducing the number of car washes.

Expert predictions indicate that the current drought conditions may continue well into August and September. These precautionary and voluntary steps can help assure the community of adequate water supply throughout the rest of the season even if the current conditions continue or worsen.

More information can be found on the IDNR website at www.in.gov/dnr/water/