

October 9, 2017

Re: Drought Warning – Immediate Attention Required

Dear <Landscape Name>:

As you may already know, a **Drought Warning** has been issued for the Charlottesville and Albemarle County region. The declaration of a Drought Warning is based on many factors, including current reservoir levels, stream flow data, historical weather information and future weather predictions. At this time, we are particularly concerned with the declining level of the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir, which is less than half full. **Demand from many sources could rapidly deplete our supply to a dangerously low level.**

The issuance of a Drought Warning results in a variety of mandatory water restrictions for all customers, both residential and commercial. One of these restrictions limits irrigation for newly seeded/sodded lawns and plantings.

- Prior to installing the new plantings and lawns by a licensed contractor, the customer shall provide the following to the ACSA:
 - A written estimate of the amount of water to be used during the establishment period.
 - A dated receipt from the licensed contractor noting the anticipated date of installation.
 - The irrigation method to be used.

Upon receipt of these items, the ACSA will issue a written notification of approval. It is important to note that if conditions do not improve, and the ACSA enters a **Drought Emergency, all prior approvals will become void and all outside watering will be prohibited.**

The failure to comply with the restrictions noted above shall result in a penalty of \$500.

We apologize for the inconvenience, and thank you in advance for your cooperation during this difficult water emergency.

Sincerely,



Gary O'Connell
Executive Director