

## WILLISTON REGIONAL WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT REDUCED CAPACITY



### WATER EMERGENCY

#### WATER CONSERVATION TIPS!

##### **More than half of all water use inside a house takes place in the bathroom!**

- Turn off water while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Take short showers instead of baths. Turn off the water while soaping or shampooing.
- Flush solid waste, not liquid waste.

##### **Kitchen and Laundry:**

- Do not use water to defrost frozen foods; thaw in the refrigerator overnight.
- Consider using paper plates and cups in the interim to cut down on dishwashing. Or, scrape, rather than rinse, dishes before loading into the dishwasher. If using the dishwasher, only wash full loads.
- Only wash clothes if absolutely necessary.
- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.

##### **Outdoor:**

- Do not wash your vehicles.
- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing off.
- Do not water your lawn.
- Do not fill backyard pools.

### CITY OF WILLISTON DECLARES WATER SUPPLY SITUATION CRITICAL MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

The City of Williston and the Western Area Water Supply Authority are alerting citizens to a critical water supply situation.

The spring rise in the Yellowstone River along with recent extreme rainfall has increased sediment levels in the Missouri River to historic levels. The high sediment levels (i.e. mud) have created a situation at the Williston Regional Water Treatment Plant. The plant simply cannot process the amount of sediment entering the initial treatment processes.

Due to the mechanical issues brought on by the massive amounts of mud in the system, plant operators have been forced to reduce the plant flow rate in order to continue to provide safe drinking water to the residents of Williams and McKenzie counties.

Additionally, the Williston Regional Water Treatment Plant is currently undergoing a construction project to expand the capacity of the plant to meet the increasing population demands. During portions of the construction project, capacity is restricted.

The situation is critical. The City of Williston and the Western Area Water Supply Authority are requiring all businesses and residents in the Williston, Watford City, Williams Rural Water District, and McKenzie County Water Resources District service areas to restrict water use to essential use only.

Residents and businesses are asked to shut lawn sprinklers off, refrain from washing vehicles, reduce laundry and dishwasher cycles, and implement other water conservation measures.

Despite the temporary reduction in capacity, the water being produced by the plant has met and continues to meet all water quality standards and is safe for human consumption.