

Prohibition Notice

PROHIBITION NOTICE UNDER THE NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION ACT

Conservation Tips

IN THE KITCHEN

- A dripping faucet can waste up to 7,600 litres (2,000 gallons) of water per year.
- Wipe away gravy, grease and food scraps from plates and bowls before washing.
- If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing. If you have two sinks, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water. If you have only one sink, gather washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them with a panful of water. Similarly, don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables. Just rinse them in a sink or a pan of clean water.

OUTDOORS

- Instead of washing driveways, sidewalks, gutters and steps, use a hard broom to sweep these areas.
- Don't use fresh water for your plants and garden. Save the rinse water from your kitchen or laundry, and do your watering in the early morning - this prevents fungus growth, which occurs when you water at dusk.
- Don't let your children play with taps, hoses and sprinklers. Their innocent frolic on a hot day could waste hundreds of gallons of precious water.
- Wash your car with a bucket of water and a rag, not a running hose.

WHEREAS the National Water Commission has DECLARED that due to a deficiency in the supply of water owing to a drought affecting sections of the island of Jamaica more stringent water conservation measures must now be observed.

THE NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that with effect from **8th day of February 2010 or five days after the publication of this notice**, whichever is the later, the NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITS in all areas of the island of Jamaica served by drought-affected water supply systems, the use of water supplied by or obtained through, the pipes of the Commission for:

- a) irrigation of and watering of gardens, lawns, grounds and farms;*
- b) refilling or supplying of tanks, ponds, or swimming pools or for use other than normal domestic services such as drinking, cooking, washing, bathing and sanitation;*
- c) washing of vehicles using a hose or watering or washing roadways, pavements, paths, garages or out rooms;*
- d) any purpose which may require the use of a considerable or excessive quantity of water.*

FURTHER, such prohibition shall remain in effect until further notice and while such prohibition is in effect, no person shall use or cause or permit to be used any water supplied by or obtained from the pipes of the Commission for any of the purposes specified in this notice.

ANY PERSON WHO CONTRAVENES THIS NOTICE IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION BEFORE A RESIDENT MAGISTRATE TO A FINE, AND IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT, TO IMPRISONMENT FOR A TERM NOT EXCEEDING THIRTY DAYS.

Dated the 2nd day of February, 2010



*An Agency of the Ministry of
Water and Housing*