



TO: THE NEWS EDITOR

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DROUGHT CAUSES LOW WATER YIELD

A number of NWC systems continue to be affected by the prevailing drought conditions being experienced in several parishes across the island. This has resulted in reduced output from the facilities causing low water pressure and in some instances no water to some customers.

In St. Thomas, the Davis Mountain, Spring Garden, Trinityville and Montpelier facilities are mostly affected. Consequently, customers residing in **Davis Mountain, Font Hill, Buckingham, Newland, Bailey's Piece, Morant Bay, Springfield, Duhaney Pen, Roselle, Lyssons, Western Prospect, York, Alexander Park, Retreat, Seaforth, Highbury, Somerset, Danvers Pen, Trinityville, Coley, Anglican Lane, Newland, Pamphret, Pondsides, and Lowden Hill** can expect limited water supply.

Additionally, the Kelly Spring system which serves **Mavis Bank, Valley Road, Top Mount Charles, Church Gate, Robertsfeld, Top Road, Barns Hill, and David's Hill**, in East Rural St. Andrew is also affected.

Customers in Clarendon, who are served by the **Lionel Town Well**, will also experience low water pressure due to reduced outflow from the system. Several facilities in St. Catherine, including the **Sunny Side Deep Well, Jericho Pumping Station, Nutshell Relift Station, Cocoa Ridge Relift Pump, Dinthill Well, Cassava Pond Relift Station, Gold Mine Treatment Plant, Grahams Well, Bybrook #1 and #3 Wells** are also generating low yields.

In the meantime, East Portland customers served by the **Turtle Crawle** system, **Packy River, Haining** and **Long Bay Relift Station** will experience restricted water supply as these facilities are also producing below capacity.

The NWC urges all its customers to be mindful of this ongoing drought and make every effort to conserve and store water.

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