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Water Restrictions to Begin for the Mona and Hope Water Supply Systems as Restrictions Continue for the Hermitage / Constant Spring System

The dry season continues to affect the water supply to several communities across the island, causing nightly water restrictions to begin in sections of the Corporate Area served by the **Mona and Hope Water Supply Systems**.

Beginning **Monday, November 23, 2009**, customers will, depending on their elevation and location on the system, either have no piped water or have low water pressure between **8:00 P.M. and 4:00 A.M. nightly**. The areas to be affected include:

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| Gordon Town | Gordon Town Road | Papine | Hope Pastures | Kintyre |
| New Kingston | Mountain View | Devon Square | East Kings House | Liguanea |
| West Kings House | Hope Road | Old Hope Rd. | Lady Musgrave Rd. | Bull Bay |
| Eastwood Park Rd. | Dunrobin Ave. | Dumbarton Rd. | Harbour View | Shooters Hill |
| Mona Heights | Half-Way-Tree Rd. | Hagley Park Rd. | Constant Spring Rd. | Cross Roads |
| Trench Town and adjoining communities | | | | |

This restriction for the Mona and Hope water supply systems is in addition to the restrictions already in place for the **Hermitage/Constant Spring System**, the other major storage facility serving the Corporate Area. This means that the areas served by the **Constant Spring Treatment Plant will continue to have water restrictions each night from 8:00 P.M. to 4:00 A.M.** The areas include:

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| Manor Park | Aylsham | Constant Spring Road |
| Shortwood Road | Graham Heights | Cassia Park |
| Allerdyce | Barbican | Armour Heights |
| Eastwood park Gardens | Jacks Hill | Liguanea Club |
| Stillwell Road | Hughenden | Constant Spring Gardens |
| Molynes Road | Smokey Vale | Meadowbrook |
| Russell Heights | Grants Pen Road | Moreton Park |
| Half Way Tree Road | Charlton Road | Norbrook |
| Mannings Hill Road | Havendale | Red Hills Road |
| Sections of Stony Hill | Diamond Road | Wireless Station Road |

(All other adjoining communities will also be affected)

The restrictions have been implemented in response to the changing storage levels at both the Hermitage Dam and the Mona Reservoir and are part of activities usually implemented to deal with periods of low rainfall. Among the measures are conservation encouragement, specific maintenance activities and the transfer of water from high-yielding areas to augment dwindling supplies in other areas, wherever possible.

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According to NWC President, E.G. Hunter, these measures are essential considering the critical low levels of the reservoir and the dam, and the lack of adequate rainfall to replenish fast depleting supplies. Concerning those customers who get little or no water during the restriction period, Mr. Hunter explained that some areas are elevated and during periods of low pressure those customers residing in such areas may receive no water at all. "I urge customers to store whenever it returns, and conserve on water as much as is possible until things improve," Mr. Hunter said.

The storage level at the Mona Reservoir is at 54% of capacity ... well below the normal storage levels expected at this time. It should be noted, that based on the storage levels and inflows into these facilities (Mona Reservoir and Hermitage Dam), water restrictions for areas served by them will be gradually lifted. The National Water Commission will continue to closely monitor the situation and will make adjustments as the situation warrants.

Further information may be obtained through the NWC's Customer Care Centre at (1-888-225-5692). The National Water Commission apologizes for any inconvenience caused to its valued customers, as every attempt is made to provide the most reliable service.

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