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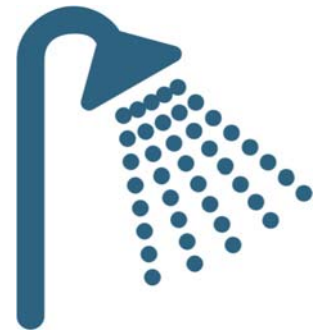
Due to the emergency water restriction in effect for the North Kona Area, as of August 13, 2017, the Department of Water Supply is requesting that the hotel and tourism industry assist by educating visitors and staff on the situation and what should be done to restrict water use.

EVERY DROP COUNTS

The following practices should be implemented during this current water restriction:

- Restrict water use to health and safety needs (drinking, cooking, and hygiene purposes).
- Limited hand watering of precious plants, on occasion, is acceptable.
- Use of sprinklers (manual or automatic) for lawns and grass areas is still prohibited.
- Educate visitors on current situation and what they can do to help.

- Eating establishments should serve water only upon request.
- Encourage guests to shower instead of bathe and to not leave the tap running when brushing their teeth.
- Ask guests to reuse their towels and linens by opting not to have them changed every day.



- Only use dishwashers on full load.



Other useful ways to reduce water use:

- Whenever possible, minimize the use of running water when washing utensils, dishes and cookware.
- Use rainwater harvesting techniques to divert and capture rainwater from roofs and gutters.
- Put procedures in place and conduct training to inform housekeeping on how they can reduce water use. These procedures should include how many times to flush the toilet when cleaning, not to leave taps running or use excessive water, using a mop rather than hose when cleaning floors.

For questions please contact the
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