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REQUEST TO LIMIT WATER USAGE WITH UPCOMING POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING

PURCELLVILLE, Va., September 11, 2018 – With the upcoming potential for flooding, town officials are requesting that citizens please refrain from nonessential water use. This will help to ensure that the Town of Purcellville Wastewater Treatment Facility remains able to safely and effectively treat wastewater, reducing the risks for potential backups in collection lines and homes. During high rainfall events, wastewater line high flows often continue for several days afterwards due to groundwater infiltration in the piping. Ways that citizens can help limit their home's wastewater include:

- Wash dishes by hand -- don't leave the faucet running while doing dishes, and use the spray nozzle for quick rinsing
- Limit the use of the garbage disposal -- brush off excess food into the trash instead of rinsing it into the disposal
- Try to limit defrosting food in water
- Take 5 minute showers or less instead of taking a bath -- if you must take a bath, only fill it up $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way full
 - While waiting for the shower to warm up, collect the excess water in a bucket to use to fill toilets should you lose power
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, washing your hands, and shaving
- Try to limit laundry until a few days after the storm -- if you must do laundry, wash only full loads
- Fix leaks, especially leaky toilets
- Limit toilet flushing -- "If it's yellow let it mellow. If it's brown flush it down."
- Keep drinking water chilled in the refrigerator instead of running the tap until it's cold

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of over 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 10th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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