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Durham Drinking Water is Safe

Durham's Water Supply Unaffected by OWASA Water Emergency

DURHAM, N.C. — While the City of Durham Department of Water Management continues to assist its neighbors in Orange County with their ongoing water emergency, the department wants to remind Durham water customers that our drinking water is completely safe. There are no concerns regarding the quality or quantity of our water supply, and all operations at Durham's two water treatment plants remain normal.

Although Durham is supplying emergency water to Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) to aid in its emergency, this amount is still well below Durham's typical daily water consumption in summer, when demand is at its highest.

The department continues to monitor the OWASA situation and will update the public as necessary. Again, Durham's drinking water remains safe to drink.

About the Department of Water Management

The Department of Water Management is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Durham's water supply, water treatment and water reclamation (wastewater treatment) facilities, the collection and distribution systems (including meter reading), and customer billing services. The department has a wide variety of support divisions and programs to maintain the existing infrastructure that provide these integral services, and strives to be a responsible steward of the City's physical assets. For information, visit <http://durhamnc.gov/944/>, like [Durham Saves Water](#) on Facebook, and follow [@DurhamWater](#) on Twitter.

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