



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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EL NINO AND THE STATUS OF METRO MANILA'S WATER SUPPLY

DOST-PAGASA has recently announced that a weak El Niño condition is now prevailing over the Pacific Ocean and may likely intensify into a moderate or even strong El Niño condition in the last quarter of this year. While DOST-PAGASA is forecasting more than average rains in the next few months due to *Habagat* or the Southwest Monsoon, it is wise to be proactive in our actions and prepare for the worst possible dry conditions.

As of July 6, 2023, the Angat Dam water level is at 180.89m, just slightly above the minimum operating level of 180.0m. Without any significant rains, we will reach this minimum operating level around July 9, 2023. When below operating levels, our allocation for irrigation will be reduced and supply for NCR, Rizal, Cavite and Bulacan Province will be at the minimum volume. Expect lower water pressures mainly during the night and possible interruptions in certain parts of the MWSS service areas.

As we prepare for even drier conditions due to El Niño, it is, more than ever, important to conserve water in order to prevent massive water interruptions later this year. Below are WRMO next steps and directives to the public.

1. The WRMO team shall conduct spot inspections of office buildings for unwarranted use of water, leaks and faulty bathroom fixtures. The team will ensure that WRMO bulletins 001 and 002 are posted in offices accordingly.
2. The WRMO, together with the MWSS, shall review the monthly water bills of all government facilities in accordance with Malacañang directive MC 22 (Water conservation during El Niño). Notices on excessive use of water shall be issued.
3. All Barangay officials, condominium and subdivision managers are directed to advise its residents to conserve water through:
 - a. Reduction of activities that consume a large amount of water such as watering the lawn and washing vehicles.
 - b. Promote rainwater collection among residents for non-potable use of water.
 - c. Recycle water from laundry and dishwashing discharge for watering plants.
4. All NCR LGUs are directed to fast track the approval of water pipe repairs of Manilawater and Maynilad.
5. For any detected leaks within your compound that may need major repairs, please contact DENR-WRMO (wrmo@denr.gov.ph). For leaks along streets and before your meter, please report them to MWSS (89295691, 89222969, 09673197144 or at cch@mwss.gov.ph) and your water service provider: Manila Water (1627) or Maynilad (1626).