

## Recent Precipitation Causes Spillover at Lake Mary

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February's storms brought more than just icy roads and muddy trails to Flagstaff. It's great news for our water supply. Upper Lake Mary began spilling over the dam on March 8, and our water production staff are capitalizing on this great resource. To give a comparison, the lake was 50% full this time, last year, with surface water production at 30% of total consumption. We are currently running at about 40% surface water production, with plans for additional percentage production and 24-hour shifts later this spring; the first time operating around the clock since 2011. At the end of 2018, Upper Lake Mary was about 21% full. On February 3, the Lake was 25% full, and reached 100% on March 8. That's a significant inflow in one month's time!



By the numbers, we produced 3.75 million gallons the second week of January 2019, compared to 16.25 million gallons last week. Why is this important? The high lake levels reduce the demand for groundwater, saving our aquifers for drier times. We're monitoring our aquifer levels, as well.

While this wet winter may cause problems on the roads, it's a gift we'll happily use to the benefit of our Flagstaff residents.

See a video clip of the spillover [here](#).

