QC workers urged to conserve water

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Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte yesterday ordered local government workers to conserve water amid the possible water shortage in Metro Manila, which could last for months.

In a memorandum, Belmonte directed the city department heads to practice water conservation measures.

"Check households and offices for leaks and report these to the general services department, barangay officials and water concessionaires," she said.

Belmonte said barangays and public schools in the city should also conserve water. She instructed the general services and engineering departments to conduct an inventory of schools and city-owned buildings for the installation of rainwater harvesting systems and water storage tanks.

The mayor ordered barangay officials to monitor leaks and illegal water connections in their areas.

Belmonte also asked Maynilad and Manila Water to submit to the city government monthly reports on repairs and illegal connections in their jurisdiction.

"The concessionaires have committed to provide the city with treated wastewater that can be used in case of fires, and to water plants in public parks," she said.