

2022 WATER RESTRICTIONS

As a condition of our Water Withdrawal Permit **the State requires us** to enact water restrictions based on our previous calendar years water usage and meeting the Residential Gallons Per Capita Day (RGPCD) of 65 gallons. Because the RGPCD of 65 gallons **WAS NOT** met last year the following restrictions will be in effect:

Beginning MAY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Is Allowed

Two (2) Days Per Week **before 9:00 am** and **after 5:00 pm**; The Two days per week are scheduled as follows.

Heading North on Boston Rd the East side (right side) of Boston Rd is allowed to water on Saturday and Tuesday.
Heading North on Boston Rd the West side (left side) of Boston Rd is allowed to water on Sunday and Wednesday.

When Restrictions for Nonessential Outdoor Water Use may change;

One (1) Day per week before 9 am and after 5 pm when the designated USGS stream gage falls below 71 cfs for 3 consecutive days. * or;

A Drought Advisory or higher is declared by the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force.

*Once streamflow triggered restrictions are implemented, they shall remain in place until streamflow at the gage meets or exceeds 71 cfs for seven consecutive days.

One (1) Day per Week Water Use is allowed **before 9 am** and **after 5 pm** on the scheduled days as follows.

Heading North on Boston Rd (3-A) the East side (right side) of Boston Rd is allowed to water on Saturday

Heading North on Boston Rd (3-A) the West side (left side) of Boston Rd is allowed to water on Sunday

Nonessential outdoor water uses that ARE SUBJECT to mandatory restrictions include:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- Filling of swimming pools;
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety;
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

The following uses may be ALLOWED when mandatory restrictions are in place;

- Irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of May and September;
- Irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 9 am to 5 pm; and
- Irrigation of gardens, flowers, and ornamental plants by **means of a hand held hose** or drip irrigation systems
- Irrigation of lawns by means of a hand held hose

Water uses NOT SUBJECT to mandatory restrictions are those required:

- For health or safety reasons;
- By regulation;
- For the production of food and fiber;
- For the maintenance of livestock; or
- To meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees, greens, and limited fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock).

If you have an automatic irrigation system, be sure to program the system in accordance with the water restriction. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Division at 978-671-0957.

Penalties and Fines for Violations

First Violation

Second Violation

Subsequent Violations

Subsequent Violations – May result in termination of service plus cost of termination and restoration.

Residential

Written Citation

\$50.00

\$100.00

Commercial

Written Citation

\$100.00

\$200.00

