

AUBURN WATER DISTRICT

NON-ESSENTIAL OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS (04/07/2021)

As we find ourselves again in a current period with less than normal seasonable rainfall, the Commissioners of the Auburn Water District are concerned that we maybe on the verge of another repeat of the recent drought conditions.

The drought conditions that we found ourselves in 2015-16, did not occur overnight as it took years of below normal precipitation to develop, and similarly it takes a near equal amount of time to reverse the effects of prolonged below normal precipitation amounts including significant winter snowfalls and frequent rainfall events. With seasonal increasing temperatures and associated increased water demands, and should we continue to have below normal precipitation together with seasonally warmer temperatures, we could easily be back into moderate to severe drought conditions.

Accordingly, as of May 1, 2021, the Commissioners have opted to impose the Non-Essential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions that are mandated as part of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass.DEP.)Water Management Act (WMA) under the permit issued to the Auburn Water District, which requires the Auburn Water District to impose seasonal non-essential outdoor water use restrictions each year from May 1st through September 30th, with an additional drought related restriction of being limited to **only three (3) days a week on an odd / even day schedule, based on the street address of the property.**

NON-ESSENTIAL OUTDOOR USE WATER RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE:

- Non-essential outdoor water uses are **prohibited between the hours of 9 A.M to 5 P.M.**, and only allowed on an odd/even day schedule based on the address number of the property.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
EVEN	NO WATERING	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD
						

NON-ESSENTIAL OUTDOOR WATER USES INCLUDE:

- Irrigation of lawns via portable hose sprinklers or via automatic irrigation systems.
- Washing of motor vehicles, except in commercial car washes 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 non-essential use restrictions are in place:
 - Irrigation to establish new lawn and new plantings only during the months of May and Sept.
 - Irrigation of public parks and rec.fields by means of auto. sprinklers outside of 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
 - Irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a **hand-held** hose.
- Water uses NOT subject to mandatory restrictions are those required
 - For health or safety reasons
 - For the production of food and fiber
 - For the maintenance of livestock
 - Hand held hose watering, water collected via a rain barrel collection system, drip irrigation and those irrigations systems supplied entirely from private wells are not restricted. Those with private wells are urged to conserve likewise.
- Watering of vegetation should be limited to a maximum total amount of one (1) inch of water per week through a combination of natural and supplemental watering.

On behalf of the Board of Water Commissioners, we wish thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT (508) 832-5336 (M-F 8A-4PM)