

Town of Westborough Water Restrictions Information

As of May 23, 2022

The following water uses are prohibited between the hours of 9am and 5pm:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems.
- 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.

Please see the official notice posted on the Town's Website

- Water restrictions assist with ensuring an adequate supply of water for drinking and fire protection and to protect the quality and quantity of water in local aquatic habitats such as ponds, rivers and wetlands.
- Restrictions are enacted in accordance with a "State of Water Supply Conservation", a "State of Drought", or a "State of Water Supply Emergency". These declarations are made by the Commonwealth or the Town.
- Declarations are typically in accordance with the Town's Water Management Act (WMA) Permit or the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force.
- The WMA Permit provides two options for enacting water restrictions.
 - Option 1: Calendar triggered restrictions, which apply May 1st to September 30th.
 - Option 2: Streamflow triggered restrictions, which may be applied when the U.S. Geological Survey streamflow gauge falls below the allowable limit for three consecutive days.
- Information on the triggers for Drought Management Task Force decisions can be found at this link: [Drought Management in Massachusetts | Mass.gov](#)
- A declaration will include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements limiting nonessential outdoor water use as necessary to control the volume of water pumped each day.
 - Nonessential outdoor water use **days**: Water use is permitted only on the days per week specified in the declaration.
 - Nonessential outdoor water use **hours**: Water use is permitted only during the hourly periods specified in the declaration. At a minimum, nonessential outdoor water use is prohibited during the hours from 9AM to 5PM.
 - Nonessential outdoor water use **method** restriction: Water use is restricted to a bucket or hand-held hose controlled by a nozzle.
 - Nonessential outdoor water use **ban**: Water use is prohibited at all times.
 - Automatic irrigation systems, including sprinklers: The use of automatic irrigation systems is prohibited.

If you have any questions regarding water restrictions please contact the DPW at 508-366-3070.