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We are mandated by the town's water management permit issued by the State, to limit nonessential outdoor use, to protect stream flow, aquatic life and ensure sustainable drinking water. The town is required to implement a **MANDATORY** State of Water Supply Conservation from May 1st, through September 30th, each year, pursuant to the town's water use restriction by-law. Under chapter 199-6 Section F; Lawn sprinklers may be used for lawn watering, two days per week, outside of the hours of **7:00 AM to 7:00 PM**. All other outdoor non-essential use is permitted daily outside the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. People residing in precinct **one** and **three** may water on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Precincts **two** and **four** may water on Wednesday and Fridays. There shall be **no lawn watering on Saturday, Sunday or Monday**. This only applies to those water services connected to the municipal water system.

A normal lawn only needs about 1" of water per week. If rain is expected, or has just occurred then your system **should be shut off** for the remainder of the week in order to avoid unnecessary and wasteful water use. In fact the best practice is to always leave the system off on only turn it on as needed. Last year we saw record rains throughout the summer yet there were still many systems that were running needlessly before, during, and after the heavy rains. You should check to ensure that your system is not dispensing more than what is needed during a dry week as well. Due to the twice per week restriction, the common belief is the sprinkler system needs to run for extended hours to maintain a green lawn, which is not the case. Your irrigation company can set your sprinklers to maintain the minimum amount required. It is only with each individual water user's diligence toward efficient water use, that we will be able to maintain safe water levels for drinking and fire protection in case of prolonged drought. Please plan accordingly if you are trying to establish a new lawn, so that you may comply with these regulations.

We have added a large number of new users this year that will add to the demand especially during the summer months. This makes adherence to the restrictions even more important. We expect the need to run wells #4 and #5 this summer to help meet demands if sprinkler use is high. These wells have elevated levels of iron that although not harmful to drink, will cause discoloration in the water.

The following are the penalties for non-compliance with the Town's water use restriction by-law. Any person violating this by-law shall receive a written warning for the first offense. For the second offense, any person violating this By-law shall be liable to the Town in the amount of \$100.00. For any violations beyond the second offense, water service **may be suspended**. Fines shall be recovered by inclusion as a charge on the next scheduled water bill.

The Water Department will be keeping users apprised of the current restriction through several methods. There are signs located throughout town at the following locations.

Location of Water Use Restriction Signs

1. Main St. @ Exxon
2. West Main @ Wood St. West Bound
3. Wood St. @ Westboro Line East Bound
4. Pond & Spring Intersection
5. South & West Main Intersection West Bound
6. Main @ Pleasant East Bound
7. West Main @ School West Bound
8. Ash @ Park South Bound
9. Hayden Rowe @ Tennis Courts South Bound
10. Hayden Rowe @ Chestnut North Bound
11. East Main St. @ TJ'S West Bound

We will also be utilizing the town websites, newspapers, cable TV and the CodeRed phone call system for emergencies. You can also follow us on Twitter [@hopkintonwater](https://twitter.com/hopkintonwater) for instant department updates. In addition you can subscribe to our notice feed here: <https://groups.google.com/a/hopkintonma.gov/g/watersewer> to receive up to date information via email.

For the precinct map please go to:
www.hopkintonma.gov/Departments/Town%20Clerk/Hopkinton2010.pdf

For tips on minimizing water use outdoors, please visit our web site @ www.hopkintonma.gov
If you would like to know if rain is on the way or how much rain we received so you can shut your systems off, you can follow [@hopkintonWX](https://twitter.com/hopkintonWX) on Twitter or check the weather station readings @ www.hopkintonwx.com/ click on weather station

We thank you for your cooperation in helping to preserve our most important natural resource!