



April 3, 2017

Dear Water Customer:

The Board of Selectmen voted at its March 27, 2017 meeting to implement a “Year-Round Water Conservation Program” and set a new schedule for Irrigation Water Rates. The Town has been facing an issue of having its water supply strained in the summer months because we are dealing with addressing contamination in some of our wells as well as the fact that irrigation systems have proliferated greatly in the last 15 years. Irrigation systems, primarily for residential use, have increased to the point to which our water demand more than doubles during the warm weather months. That means that more than half of our water is being used for non-potable purposes during that time.

This Water Conservation Program consists of:

- Mandatory Water Restriction “odd/even” outdoor watering with irrigation systems and sprinklers should be limited to every other day (based on house or building number). This is effective year-round. This means that if you have an even number for an address you can water on the even days of the month. If you have an odd number for an address you can water on the odd days of the month. Everyone can water on the 31st of the month.
- NO automated watering will be allowed between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.
- Irrigation to establish new lawns will only be allowed during April/May and September/October, with written approval from the DPW, and is not allowed between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

New Residential Irrigation Water Rates:

The Board of Selectmen voted to increase the Residential 2nd Meter/Irrigation Water Rates effective immediately. Please find the new 2nd Meter Water Rates as well as a comparison of the new water rates vs. old water rates.

2017 Approved Irrigation Rates

Under 5,000 gallons	\$25.00 Flat Rate
5,000 to 50,000 gallons	\$ 5.00 per 1,000 gallons
50,001 to 70,000 gallons	\$ 6.25 per 1,000 gallons
70,001 to 90,000 gallons	\$ 7.50 per 1,000 gallons
Over 90,000 gallons	\$ 9.00 per 1,000 gallons

As always, please feel free to contact the DPW for any questions or concerns you may have, at 781-270-1670.

Regards,
Water & Sewer Billing

Comparison Chart – New Rates vs Old Rates

Effective March 27, 2017

	New Rates	Old Rates
Under 5,000 gallons	\$ 25.00	\$ 23.75
10,000 gallons	\$ 50.00	\$ 47.50
20,000 gallons	\$ 100.00	\$ 95.00
30,000 gallons	\$ 150.00	\$ 142.50
50,000 gallons	\$ 250.00	\$ 237.50
70,000 gallons	\$ 375.00	\$ 332.50
90,000 gallons	\$ 525.00	\$ 427.50
100,000 gallons	\$ 615.00	\$ 475.00
125,000 gallons	\$ 840.00	\$ 593.75
150,000 gallons	\$1,065.00	\$ 712.50
175,000 gallons	\$1,290.00	\$ 831.25
200,000 gallons	\$1,515.00	\$ 950.00

Here are a few links on information regarding Water Conservation:

<http://www.mwra.com/comsupport/conservation/2009-outdoor.pdf>

<http://www.conserveh2o.org/outdoor-water-conservation-tips>

<http://wateruseitwisely.com/tips/category/outdoor-tips/>

http://www.americanwater.com/49ways_outdoor.php

<https://www.houselogic.com/save-money-add-value/save-on-utilities/how-to-save-water-when-gardening/>