



TOWN OF BURLINGTON

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TO: John Petrin – Town Administrator
FROM: John G. Sanchez – Director of Public Works
DATE: March 22, 2017
SUBJECT: Proposed Water Conservation Program

Due to the reduced water production at the Vine Brook Treatment plant precipitated by 1,4 dioxane levels found at wells 3, 4 and 5 I am requesting your approval to implement the following steps to take to protect the Town's water supply. These water conservation measures would apply to all residential and commercial properties. Under these restrictions no watering will be allowed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Year-round Mandatory Water Restriction "Odd/Even" – outdoor watering with irrigation systems and sprinklers should be limited to every other day (based on street number). Effective year-round.
- 1st Step: Mandatory Water Restriction 2 days a week - outdoor watering with irrigation systems and sprinklers should be limited to Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- 2nd Step: Mandatory Water Restriction 1 day a week - outdoor watering with irrigation systems and sprinklers should be limited to Saturdays.
- 3rd Step: Full Water Restriction – No outdoor watering with irrigation systems, sprinklers or hand held outdoor should be allowed.

No watering between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Outdoor Watering Restrictions consists of:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems
- 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 during a watering ban (except 3rd Step):

- Irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of April, May, September, and October (by written authorization by the Department of Public Works) No irrigation allowed between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Irrigation of vegetable gardens, flowers, and ornamental plantings by means of a hand-held hose only
- To meet core functions of a business or commercial activity

Penalties:

According to the Town Bylaws Section 5.4 the Town, through its Board of Selectmen, may declare a State of Water Conservation. Section 5.9 states the Penalties for violating the Water Restriction are:

- Any person violating shall be issued a warning for the first violation,
- shall be liable to the Town in the amount of \$50 for the second violation, and \$100 for each subsequent violation thereafter.
- These fines are non-criminal disposition.