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CRITICAL DROUGHT CONDITIONS DECLARED IN SOUTHEAST REGION

On August 9, 2022, The Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force declared a Level 3-Critical Drought. As mandated by the Department of Environment Protection (DEP) to ensure a sustainable water supply through the Town's high water demand season, the North Attleborough Water Department has issued a Mandatory Non-Essential Water Use Restriction beginning August 10, 2022 as follows:

- A. All non-essential water use is **ONLY ALLOWED on Trash Pickup Day** before 9 am and after 5 pm. Residents not on a scheduled trash pickup route shall water on Monday only, before 9 am and after 5 pm.

Nonessential outdoor water use is allowed ONE DAY per week before 9am and after 5pm whenever a Critical Drought or higher is declared by the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force.

Non-essential water use is defined as the following:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives or cement.

The following uses may be allowed when mandatory restrictions are in place:

- Irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of May and September;
- Irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 9 am to 5 pm; and
- Watering lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose.

Violation of the Non-Essential Water Use Restriction may result in penalties:

- 1st offence – Reminder Notice to home (documented)
- 2nd offence – Written Warning to home delivered by mail.
- 3rd offence – \$50 Fine.
- 4th offence – \$100 fine (daily for each additional offence)

Please note that these restrictions are required by the DEP's Water Management Act Permit, and are not a result of diminished water supply. The restriction program is designed to sustain water supply within the region. Your anticipated cooperation is greatly appreciated.

For additional information, please call the Department of Public Works at (508) 695-7790 or visit our website at: <https://www.nattleboro.com/210/Department-of-Public-Works>