

EASTHAM WATER SYSTEM

Water Conservation Program and Restrictions for Non-Essential Water Use

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Eastham follows water conservation measures pertaining to our permit for the system. One of these conservation measures includes restrictions on water use for “non-essential” uses from May 1st through September 30th.

Limiting water use, especially nonessential outdoor water use, is necessary to ensure a sustainable drinking water supply and to protect natural resources.

Non-essential outdoor water use consists of:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinkler or automatic irrigation system.
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or 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.
- Nonessential outdoor water use is allowed no more than two days per week before 9am and after 5pm.

The following is allowed:

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

Water uses not subject to mandatory restrictions:

- For health or safety reasons
- By regulation
- For the production of food and fiber
- For the maintenance of livestock
- To meet the core functions of a business ie. Golf courses, and nurseries.

Tips to help conserve water:

- Fix leaking faucets, pipes, and toilets

- Replace old fixtures; install water-saving devices, in faucets, toilets and appliances.
- Wash only full loads of laundry
- Do not use the toilet for a trash disposal
- Take shorter showers.

This letter serves as our notice to you that these restrictions are currently in effect. Non-essential water use is allowed only two days, and can only be done before 9:00 am or after 5:00 pm. Our water system operators, Whitewater, will be monitoring water usage during these periods and will issue a Violation Notice to you if you are not following these restrictions.

Once the aquifer reaches levels described in our DEP permit this restriction will be lifted, and you will be notified when this occurs.

Should you have any questions you can contact Kim St. Aubin at (774) 801-3244.