



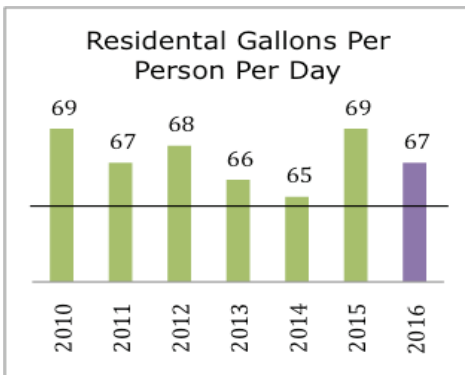
Public Notice: Mandatory ODD/EVEN Non-Essential Outdoor Water Use Restriction For Residential & Commercial Customers

April, 2017

The Water Division of the Department of Public Works would like to thank all residents and business owners in the Town of Needham for complying with the 2016 mandatory odd/even non-essential outdoor water use restriction. Whether it was a restriction for conservation purposes or in reaction to drought conditions, the efforts undertaken resulted in a reduction in the residential gallons per person, per day (rg/pd). While the Town was unable to get below the mandated 65 rg/pd, we were able to reduce the water consumption from the prior calendar year. We appreciate your assistance over the upcoming watering season in complying with the restriction and other efforts in reducing water consumption. The Water Division will be working with the community to increase awareness of the water restriction and other water conservation efforts.

The Town of Needham's mandatory non-essential outdoor water use restriction is effective May 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017. The standard two day water restriction allows non-essential outdoor water use on designated days before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. In the event that the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force declares a drought advisory (or higher), non-essential outdoor water use will be allowed only one day per week before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. or may be banned entirely.

Due to climate conditions, the Town is implementing a yellow/red/blue color coded water restriction. On days where signs, the Town's website and other public forums indicate **yellow**, there will be **no outdoor watering allowed**. On days where signs, the Town's website and other public forums indicate **red**, there will be a **one day** water restriction. On days where signs, the Town's website and other public forums indicate **blue**, there will be a **two day** water restriction. This restriction is in accordance with the Town's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Water Management Act Permit, and is in keeping with regional water conservation efforts.



The policy of the Commonwealth is to reduce residential water use to 65 gallons per person per day to ensure a sustainable drinking water supply and to protect natural resources and stream flow for aquatic life. Needham has been unable to consistently meet this requirement and residential use in Needham was 67 gallons in 2016. While this is a reduction from the prior year, the Town is still falling short of its' required goal. Accordingly, the Town is seeking the cooperation of all residents in achieving the required standard. Failure to comply with the provisions of the mandatory restriction may result in a fine in accordance with Section 2.2.5.5 of the General By-laws.

Town of Needham



No Outdoor Watering Allowed

No Outdoor Watering Allowing - No lawn watering via sprinklers or automatic irrigations system is allowed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Watering of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand held hose may be allowed at all hours during the restricted period.

New lawn exemption is not allowed.

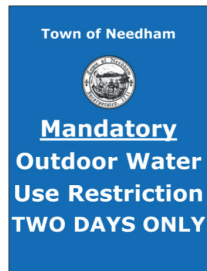


One Day Outdoor Water Use Restriction - All properties may water lawns (and perform other non-essential outdoor water uses) only before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. on Sundays ONLY.

No lawn watering via sprinklers or automatic irrigations system is allowed on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Watering of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand held hose is allowed at all hours during the restricted period.

New lawn exemption may be allowed.



Two Day Odd/Even Outdoor Water Use Restriction - Properties with even street numbers may water lawns (and perform other allowed non-essential outdoor water uses) only before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Properties with odd street numbers may water lawns (and perform other non-essential outdoor water uses) only before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

No lawn watering via sprinklers or automatic irrigations system is allowed on Saturday, Sunday or Wednesday.

Watering of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand held hose is allowed at all hours during the restricted period.

New lawn exemption may be allowed.

New Lawn Exemption Procedure

Irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings are allowed to receive an exemption during the months of May and September ONLY during the blue and red water use restriction categories. No exemptions will be allowed during the months of June, July and August. Please contact the Town prior to establishing a new lawn or new plantings, if you intend to apply for an exemption, so that we may ensure you do not receive an enforcement notice. Determination of what qualifies for an exemption will be made by the Water Division.

Non-essential outdoor water uses that are subject to the mandatory yellow/red/blue restriction are:

- Irrigation of lawns and landscaping via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety; and
- 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 are allowed while the red/blue mandatory restriction is in place:

- Watering of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose.

Allowable uses under the yellow mandatory restriction will be indicated, should the Town need to implement this level of restriction.

Water uses NOT subject to the mandatory restrictions are those required for health or safety reasons, irrigation of public parks and recreation fields by means of automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by regulation, for the production of food and fiber, for the maintenance of livestock, or to meet the core functions of a business (e.g. irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees, greens, and limited fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock).

Under typical weather conditions, lawns require only one inch of water per week to remain healthy. Further information about the mandatory water use restriction and on efforts to reduce outdoor water use is available at <http://needhamma.gov/waterrestriction>. Questions about the mandatory non-essential outdoor water restriction should be directed to the Department of Public Works, Water & Sewer Division at (781) 455-7550 – select option 2 then 1 on the automated telephone system - between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday or by email at dpwadmin@needhamma.gov.

The Town of Needham thanks you for your cooperation.