



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

The Town of Needham's mandatory non-essential outdoor water use restriction is effective May 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. Non-essential water use is allowed two days per week before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. 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.

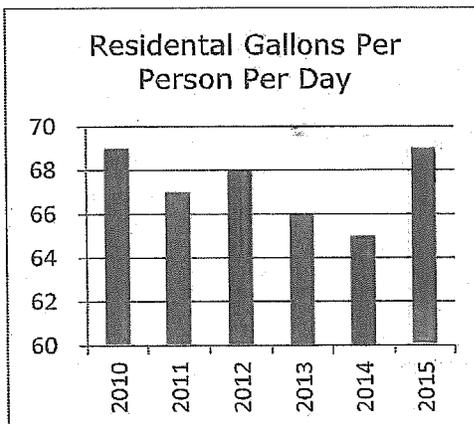
Odd/Even Outdoor Water Use Restriction

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.



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 increased to 69 gallons in 2015. 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.

April 1, 2016

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.

Non-essential outdoor water uses that are subject to the mandatory Odd/Even 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 mandatory restriction is in place:

- Watering of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose.
- Irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of May and September. Please contact the Town if you intend to do so, so that we may ensure you do not receive an enforcement notice.
- 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.

Water uses NOT subject to the mandatory restrictions are those required for health or safety reasons, 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.

April 1, 2016