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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mandatory State of Water Supply Conservation

The Director of Public Works, in consultation with the Fire Chief/Emergency Manager Director and the Water & Sewer Manager, declares a Mandatory State of Water Supply Conservation, effective April 1, 2025 for all customers connected to the municipal water system. NO outdoor, non-essential use is allowed for all customers connected to the municipal water system, until the Mandatory Action is terminated. This is elevating last fall's water restriction level. This Mandatory Action is authorized by the Town Bylaws, Chapter 199, Article II, Restricted Water Uses.

The watering of lawns, vehicle washing, pool filling and all other non-essential use is prohibited.

Permitted uses during this water restriction include the hand watering of gardens, production of food, fiber, livestock and water use essential to core function of a commercial business.

This Water Use Restriction was declared to ensure an adequate supply of water to all water users. Drought conditions, which started late last summer, have continued throughout our area and we are currently in a critical drought status. Elevated fire danger is also in effect. With heavy frost this winter, very little spring melt and precipitation made its way back into the ground for recharge. Our ground water levels at the wells remain below normal.

The following penalties apply to violations of this Mandatory State of Water Supply Conservation:

- First offense – written warning
- Second offense - \$100 fine
- Third offense and beyond – water service may be suspended

More information on this Mandatory Action is available at www.hopkintonma.gov. You can visit MassDEP's website for further information on water conservation, and what you can do to reduce your water use: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/water-use-and-water-conservation>

The Department of Public Works appreciates your observation of this Mandatory Action.

Sincerely,

Kerry A. Reed, P.E.
Director of Public Works