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NON -ESSENTIAL OUTDOOR WATER Restriction

The Town of Williamstown as per conditions set forth in its withdrawal permit issued by Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection Agency , hereby institute a non-essential outdoor water use restriction effective immediately.

Restricted Nonessential Outdoor Water Uses

To the extent feasible, all summer outdoor water use should take place before 9am and after 5pm when evaporation and evapo-transpiration rates are lower.

Nonessential outdoor water uses that are subject to mandatory restrictions include:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or a 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.

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 thru September;

- Irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by automatic sprinklers before 9am and after 5pm;
- Irrigation of gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation systems; and
- Irrigation of lawns by means of a hand-held hose only.

Water uses NOT subject to mandatory restrictions are those required:

- For health or safety reasons;
- By regulation;
- For the production of food and fiber;
- For maintenance of livestock; or
- To meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees, greens , and minimal fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock).

Penalties:

The Town of Williamstown through its Water Commissioners or their designee including the water superintendent, building inspector and/or local police may enforce this by-law.

Any person violating this by-law shall be liable to the Town in the amounts listed below:

- 1) First violation: \$50.00
- 2) Second violation: \$ 100.00
- 3) Third violation: \$100.00
- 4) Fourth violation and subsequent violations: \$100.00

Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. For the purpose of non-criminal disposition, the enforcing person shall be any police officer of the town or the water superintendent or the superintendent's designee. If the state of Water Supply Emergency has been declared the Water Commissioners may, in accordance with G.L. c. 40, s. 41A, shut off water at the meter or curb stop.

For more information on MassDep's WMA program, please visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/watersheds/water-management-act-program.html>.