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2022 Water Conservation Status

(July 15-September 30th), updated 07/15/2022

Level V – EMERGENCY BAN (No Outdoor Watering)

Violations of the Water Regulations are subject to enforcement fines of up to \$100 per violation.

With 90 percent of Massachusetts experiencing drought conditions, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card today declared a Level 2-Significant Drought in the Northeast, Southeast, Connecticut River Valley, and Central Regions of the state. Notifications and updates will be provided on this web site, digital sign board, and sign postings. Any questions regarding the restrictions can be addressed by contacting the Public Works Office at 978-562-9333 or through the comments and questions section of the Town's web page. Current drought info may be obtained at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status>

SECTION IV¹ OF THE TOWN OF HUDSON WATER USE REGULATIONS

4.1 WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES AND RESTRICTIONS DURING PERIODS OF WATER SHORTAGE.

In accordance with Article VI, Section 44, of the Town's general By-Laws, Water Supply Protection and with the terms of any water management act withdrawal permit or other regulations issued by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), certain water use restrictions shall be put into effect when different levels of water shortage or drought are identified.

4.2 WATER CONSERVATION LEVELS AND RESTRICTIONS²

Level I – Normal	None
Level II – Advisory	Voluntary conservation to minimize usage
Level III – Watch	Mandatory Conservation with outdoor watering permitted only between 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. Car washing IS only permitted between 5:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. Exceptions are allowed for safety reasons and commercial car wash facilities. Filling of new swimming pools prohibited.
Level IV – Warning	Mandatory conservation with outdoor watering limited as above except that odd numbered houses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and even numbered houses on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday.

*Level V – Emergency No Outdoor Watering

4.3 PROCEDURES

Water Use restrictions whether promulgated locally or mandated by the DEP shall be adopted by the Board of Selectmen at a regularly posted meeting.

In the event of an emergency, restrictions may be imposed by the Director of Public Works, after consultation with the Executive Assistant, and shall be subject to review and ratification by the Board at its next meeting.

4.4 VIOLATIONS

Violations shall be subject to enforcement pursuant to Article VI, Section 44.7 of the General Bylaws of the Town of Hudson.

¹Section IV added by BOS 5/19/2003

²Restrictions do not apply to private water supplies or to commercial or industrial uses integral to the commercial or industrial process.

APPENDIX C OF THE TOWN OF HUDSON WATER MANAGEMENT ACT PERMIT

I. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use

As stated in Special Condition 7, in Water Management Act permit, “nonessential outdoor water use” includes uses that are not required:

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

Examples of **nonessential** outdoor water uses include:

- irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- washing of vehicles other than by means of a commercial car wash, except as necessary for operator safety.
- washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

Examples of **acceptable** outdoor water uses include:

- **irrigation to establish a new lawn during the months of May and September only.**
- irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers, and ornamental plants via hand held hoses only;
- irrigation of public parks and recreational fields before 9 am and after 5 pm.