



# Town of Holden

## Department of Public Works



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### LEVEL 2 MANDATORY WATER BAN

#### Water Use Restriction Notice

In accordance with the Town of Holden's Article XXII Water Use Restriction Bylaw, a Level 2 Mandatory Water Ban has been declared by the Department of Public Works.

Outside water use is permitted following an odd/even method. For property located on the odd-numbered side of a street, outside water use is permitted only on the odd-numbered days of the month; even numbered properties may use outside water only on the even-numbered days of the month. The only exceptions to a Level 2 Mandatory Water Ban are for commercial agricultural, floricultural, or horticultural uses at one, principal, permanent place of business. Further, outside water use is prohibited between the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

The following restrictions are applicable to **ALL WATER USERS**:

Water waste is prohibited – which includes the following:

1. Failure to repair a controllable leak, including, broken sprinkler heads, water services, fire pipes, leaking valves, leaking or broken pipes or faucets.
2. Knowingly operating an irrigation system with (a) a broken head; (b) a head that is out of adjustment and spraying into the street, parking area, or sidewalk; or (c) a system that is misting/fogging due to excessive water pressure.
3. Allowing any water to: (a) run off property forming a stream of water for a distance of 50 feet or greater; (b) run into a storm drain; (c) pond to a depth of ¼ inch or greater.
4. Allowing or causing an irrigation system or lawn watering device to operate during any form of precipitation.
5. Operating an irrigation system during the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM when most water applied is wasted to evaporation.
6. Operating an irrigation system excessively and beyond the extent needed. Typically, one inch of water, in the form of rain or irrigation, is needed each week.
7. Using water to wash down pavement, sidewalks and other ground surfaces.

The following restrictions are applicable to **Residential Water Users**:

1. Restrict outdoor water use to no more than every other day using the “odd/even” method as described below. Also, restrict outdoor watering to the hours between 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM on these days.

Exception:

- Hand-watering and drip irrigation systems are not restricted.
2. Identify and repair leaks on private plumbing, automatic irrigations systems and service lines.
  3. Use covers for all types of pools, hot tubs, and Jacuzzi type pools when not in use

The following restrictions are applicable to **Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Business Water Users:**

1. Restrict outdoor water use to no more than every other day using the “odd/even” method as described below. Also, restrict outdoor watering to the hours between 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM on these days. Automatic irrigation systems should be set to operate between these hours.

Exceptions:

- Commercial agricultural, floricultural, and/or horticultural water may occur.
  - Athletic fields (fields only) may water only to protect the health and safety of the players, staff, or officials present for organized athletic events, and facilities with verified private water sources.
  - Hand-watering and drip irrigation systems are not restricted.
2. Reduce exterior washing of vehicles at commercial facilities such as automobile rental, sales and service operations, taxi companies, trucking facilities and commercial garages where less than 50% of the water used is recycled. The washing of garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and/or other perishables may take place as necessary for health, sanitation, or public safety reasons.
  3. Restrict use of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
  4. All restaurants shall limit the serving of tap water to patrons except upon request of the patron.
  5. Prohibit the use of water for dust control.
  6. Identify and repair leaks on private plumbing, automatic irrigation systems and service lines.

Violators of the Water Use Restriction will be subject to fines in accordance with Section 9 of the Water Restriction Bylaw. The schedule of fines is as follows: 1st violation-warning; 2nd violation-\$25.00 fine; 3rd violation-\$50.00 fine, and; 4th and each subsequent violation-\$100.00 fine.

**The Town thanks you for your cooperation as we endeavor to manage the Town's water supply during this period of drought. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at (508) 210-5550.**