

TOWN OF HAMILTON MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTION NOTICE

On June 21, 2010 the streamflow value of the Ipswich River fell below 52.5 cfs for the third consecutive day. As required under our water withdrawal permit, Hamilton must notify residents of the initiation of **mandatory water restrictions**.

The water restrictions require that residents limit non-essential water use to protect streamflow for aquatic life and to ensure a sustainable drinking water supply. Non-essential water use is defined to include those uses that do not have health or safety impacts, are not required by regulation and are not needed to meet the core functions of a business or other organization.

ALL MECHANICAL OUTSIDE WATERING IS BANNED

ONLY HAND HELD WATERING IS PERMITTED BETWEEN 8 PM UNTIL 8 AM

PRIVATE WELL USERS TOO

HOW TO CONSERVE

- **Never water during the day. At least 50% is lost to evaporation.**
- **Use rain barrels or cisterns to provide water for irrigation.**
- **Raise the height of your lawnmower to at least 3 ½ inches.**
- **Ensure water flows to where it can be used by vegetables and plants, not down the street or driveway.**
- **Do not fertilize your lawn during a dry spell. Fertilizer forces grass to grow faster and require more water.**
- **Fix leaky taps and toilets.**
- **Keep swimming pools covered to prevent evaporation.**