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TOWN OF HAMILTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WATER BAN NOTICE
6/29/2022

The discharge flow rate of the Ipswich River near the Willowdale Dam has dropped below the flows rates deemed necessary by MassDEP to sustain a healthy watershed

For the reason stated above and pursuant to Chapter XXV, Section 5 of the Town of Hamilton By-Laws, the Hamilton Select Board has determined that there exists or impends a shortage of water, and that conservation measures are appropriate to ensure that an adequate supply of water is available to all users, including fire-fighting operations and that water withdrawal volumes remain within permitted and registration limits; and that any conditions set forth in the Town's water withdrawal Permit are satisfied. As a result, the Board hereby declares a State of Water Supply Conservation. The following restrictions, conditions, or requirements are hereby imposed on all users of the town water system and to users of private water sources that draw from the same water sources and will remain in effect until termination of the State of Water Supply Conservation by vote of the Board:

H. Outdoor Sprinkler Use: The use of lawn and garden sprinklers of all types, including the use of drip irrigation hoses or other devices that use subsurface application is prohibited. Hand watering is permitted. This ban includes water from private wells.

Any person violating this By-law shall be subject to a penalty, which shall inure to the Town, in the amount of $50.00 for the first violation and $100.00 for each subsequent violation. Fines shall be recovered by indictment, or on complaint before the District Court, or by non-criminal disposition in accordance with G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 21D. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

We would like to thank all residents for their understanding and cooperation.