

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WATER BAN NOTICE
JULY 18th, 2022**

The discharge flow rate of the Ipswich River near the Willowdale Dam continues to stay 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 Board of Selectmen has determined that additional conservation restrictions need to be put in place 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.

With the lack of precipitation, no appreciable rain noted in the forecast, and concern over very dry soil conditions and Fire Danger the additional following restrictions, conditions, or requirements are hereby imposed on all users of the town water system and to users of private water source wells that draw from the same aquifer and will remain in effect until termination of the State of Water Supply Conservation by vote of the Board:

C. Nonessential Outdoor Water Use Ban: Nonessential outdoor water use is prohibited at all times.

Nonessential Outdoor Water Use shall mean those uses that are not required:

1. For health and safety reasons
2. By regulation
3. For the production of food and fiber
4. For the maintenance of livestock; or
5. To meet the core functions of a business

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.

Timothy J. Olson
DPW Director
Town of Hamilton