

TOWN OF IPSWICH

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



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TO: WATER COMMISSIONERS
FROM: VICKI HALMEN
SUBJECT: MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS
DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2017
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Due to the lack of precipitation and decreasing reservoir storage, we must impose mandatory water restrictions at this time. These restrictions are being imposed in accordance with the Town of Ipswich Drought Management Plan and are effective immediately.

During declared Water Restrictions, the following practices shall be permitted:

- (a) irrigation of public parks and recreation fields between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;
- (b) irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of hand-held hose between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

During declared Water Restrictions the following practices shall be prohibited:

- (a) irrigation of lawns via any system other than hand held hose or bucket;
- (b) washing of vehicles, except to meet core function of a business;
- (c) washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement; and
- (d) filling or refilling of swimming pools.

If these restrictions are not effective and we do not receive a significant amount of rain in the near future, a water ban prohibiting all outside water use will be imposed.

I will keep you informed as conditions change.