

MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTION

As a result of the continued below normal precipitation and declining groundwater and surface water resources the Town of Fairhave is implementing a **BAN on NONESSENTIAL OUTSIDE WATER USE**. This **BAN** is in accordance with recommendations by the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and Drought Management Task Force. This BAN is necessary to ensure adequate water supply continues to be available for essential public health and fire protection needs.

Nonessential outdoor water use shall mean those uses that are not required:

1. for health or safety reasons;
2. by regulation;
3. for the production of food and fiber;
4. for the maintenance of livestock;
5. to meet the core functions of a business (for example, or irrigation by plant nurseries or agricultural operations as necessary to maintain stock or establish new plantings, wash equipment to prevent damage and/or maintain performance, pest management and plant cooling); or
6. for irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees and greens, subject to the Town's approval.

Nonessential outdoor water uses that are subject to mandatory restrictions include:

1. Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
2. Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety or to prevent damage and/or maintain performance of agricultural or construction vehicles or equipment; and
3. Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

Exceptions to nonessential outdoor water uses are:

1. Gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose – between the hours of 6AM to 8 AM and 6 PM to 8 PM only
2. Irrigation with harvested and stored storm water runoff between the hours of 6AM to 8 AM and 6 PM to 8 PM only

The following outdoor water uses are subject to review and approval by the Town of Fairhaven, through its Board of Public Works:

- irrigation to establish replanted or reseeded lawn or plantings
- irrigation of newly planted lawns (seeded or sodded) for homes or businesses newly constructed in the previous twelve months;
- Filling of privately owned outdoor pools; and
- irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees and greens.

Residents who are currently on a private well are encouraged to participate in the current restrictions due to the drought situation across the State.

