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**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON IMPLEMENTS A WATER USE RESTRICTION**

The City of Northampton Department of Public Works (DPW) is implementing a water use restriction for users of the Northampton Public Water Supply. Limiting water use, especially non-essential outdoor water use, is needed to ensure a sustainable water supply and to protect stream flow for aquatic life

An immediate ban on nonessential outdoor water use is required. The following water uses are not allowed between 9am and 5pm.

- Irrigation of lawns except by means of handheld hose
- Washing of vehicles, other than by commercial car wash
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks
- Production of food is exempt from restrictions.

The City's water supply system is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). DEP requires that water restriction be implemented when stream-flow in the Mill River drops below a certain quantity of flow (26.3 cubic feet per second) for a 3-day period. The water restriction can be lifted when the stream flow rises about that level for 7 consecutive days. The City will notify the public when the water restriction is lifted. Please visit the DPW website at [www.northamptonma.gov/770/water](http://www.northamptonma.gov/770/water) for water conservation tips.

Any person found violating these water restrictions is subject to the fines established in Chapter 325 and Chapter 40 of the City Ordinances. These fines are \$100 for the first violation and \$200 for the second and subsequent violations.

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