



**WELLESLEY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
WATER & SEWER DIVISION**

REDUCE OUTSIDE WATER USE ALERT

Dear Wellesley Water Consumer:

We need your help to reduce lawn irrigation water use!

Wellesley's water demands are now challenging the capacity of our water supply. A continuation of these demands may adversely impact our ability to meet essential needs (i.e. fire protection) and may jeopardize water quality.

We share the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs' concerns that excessive lawn irrigation can deplete wetland environments and increase the potential of drawing contaminants to drinking water supplies.

Our water supply / demand status is now in a WATCH condition, which is the final stage prior to mandatory outside water use restrictions. To avoid our implementation of a mandatory outside watering ban, we are asking you now to voluntarily reduce outside water use.

You can voluntarily help us now by:

- **Reducing your lawn irrigation by 20%. If you have an automatic timed system, please shorten the watering period by at least 20%.**
- **Using less than 1-inch of water per week on your lawn, and this inch should include the natural rainfall. (For a typical lawn, with no rain during the week, this would mean about 2 ½ hours of irrigation per week).**
- **Irrigating only once per week to encourage deep rooting of the grasses.**
- **Directing all irrigation to appropriate areas (do not water pavement).**
- **Irrigating during low evaporation periods, namely between 7 pm and 8 am.**

Please continue to watch this website for further updates and information.

For more information or specific questions, please call the Water & Sewer Division, weekdays between 7 am and 4 pm, at 781-235-7600 x 3355.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.