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PUBLIC NOTICE

NO OUTDOOR WATER USE

Effective October 9th, 2024, the Grafton Water District commissioners have banned all non-essential outside watering. Previously this ban was between the hours of 9am and 5pm – the current ban is a 24-hour ban. This will be in effect until October 9th, 2025.

Nonessential watering that is subject to the mandatory restrictions include:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks

Exemptions from the restrictions include:

- New lawns and plantings during the month of May and September
- Irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and plants via handheld hose.
- Businesses that require water use as a core function of the business.

This ban is necessary to ensure a sustainable drinking water supply until we can implement a new iron and manganese treatment plant for our Worcester Street well site.

All users of water should limit their nonessential water use through the year by implementing practices such as capturing rain in rain barrels, hand watering, using car washes that recycle water, installing low flow water fixtures and limiting lawn surfaces.

The District asks you to take steps to assure you comply with these new regulations. Any questions related to these new restrictions can be addressed by calling the Grafton Water District office at 508-839-2302 or email customerservice@graftonwaterdistrict.org.

Non-essential water use fines

Residential: 1st offense, written warning. 2nd offense, \$500.00 fine, 3rd offense service shut off and \$500.00 turn on charge. **Business:** 1st offence, written warning. 2nd offence, \$1,000.00 fine. 3rd offence, service shut off and \$500.00 turn on charge. Fines have a 30-day appeal to the board of water commissioners.