



GRAFTON WATER DISTRICT

Serving Your Water Needs

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PUBLIC NOTICE - OUTDOOR WATER BAN

Effective October 9th, 2024, the Grafton Water District commissioners have banned all non-essential outside watering. The current ban is a 24-hour ban that will be in effect until the time that all treatment plants are built.

Nonessential watering that is subject to the mandatory restrictions includes:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems.
- Irrigation of spot seeding, overseeding, or treatments 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:

- Irrigation for new lawns (new lawns are under 1 year of age) and plantings that have been planted during May through September. Irrigation under these exemptions is only permitted during the months of May through September.
- Watering 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 and Trinity 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 ensure 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 emailing customerservice@graftonwaterdistrict.org.

Non-essential water use fines

Residential

- **1st Offense:** Written warning.
- **2nd Offense:** \$500.00 fine.
- **3rd Offense:** \$500.00 fine, plus a **\$100.00 shut-off fee**.
- **4th Offense:** \$1,000.00 fine, plus a **\$100.00 shut-off fee**.
- **5th Offense:** \$2,000.00 fine, plus a **\$100.00 shut-off fee**.
- **Each subsequent offense:** The fine will increase by an additional **\$1,000.00 per violation**, plus a **\$100.00 shut-off fee**.

Business

- **1st Offense:** Written warning.
- **2nd Offense:** \$1,000.00 fine.
- **3rd Offense:** \$1,000.00 fine, plus a **\$100.00 shut-off fee**.
- **4th Offense:** \$1,000.00 fine, plus a **\$100.00 shut-off fee**.
- **5th Offense:** \$2,000.00 fine, plus a **\$100.00 shut-off fee**.
- **Each subsequent offense:** The fine will increase by an additional **\$1,000.00 per violation**, plus a **\$100.00 shut-off fee**.

Fines have a 30-day appeal to the board of water commissioners.

As this is an extension of the water ban, the commissioners have decided that all previous violations will **remain active and will continue to be enforced under this extended ban**.

Please note that significant fluctuations in water usage during quarterly billing will be presumed to indicate non-essential use and may result in violations being issued.