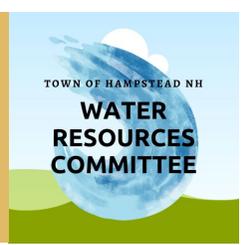


# TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD

## LAWN WATERING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES



Lawn watering creates the highest demand on our limited water supply during the summer months. **A lawn only needs about 1” of water a week to be healthy.** Set your sprinklers to run at night for the minimum amount of time to reach this goal and allow the grass to go dormant during dry periods. Vegetable gardens and flowers should be watered using hand-held hoses during the early morning hours. Please do your part to conserve this shared resource by reducing the amount of water you use on your lawn and garden regardless of drought status or private well.

**The Town of Hampstead Select Board and Water Resources Committee recommend these practices for restricting lawn watering during periods of drought as determined by the New Hampshire Drought Management Team and/or a State of Emergency Declaration by the Governor's Office.**

For current conditions go to [www.drought.gov/states/New-Hampshire](http://www.drought.gov/states/New-Hampshire)

### Level 1 — Moderate Drought



- Lawn watering at odd numbered addresses should take place only on odd numbered calendar days
- Lawn watering at even numbered addresses should take place only on even numbered calendar days
- Lawn watering should not occur between the hours of 8 AM and 7 PM.

### Level 2 — Severe Drought



- Lawn watering at odd numbered addresses should take place only on Mondays and Thursdays
- Lawn watering at even numbered addresses should take place only on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Lawn watering should not occur between the hours of 8 AM and 7 PM.

### Level 3 — Extreme Drought



- Lawn watering should cease

The Select Board will review drought condition updates provided by the State Drought Management Team, U.S. Drought Monitor and Hampstead Water Resources Committee on a bi-weekly basis and consider the need to change or eliminate the level of restrictions recommended.

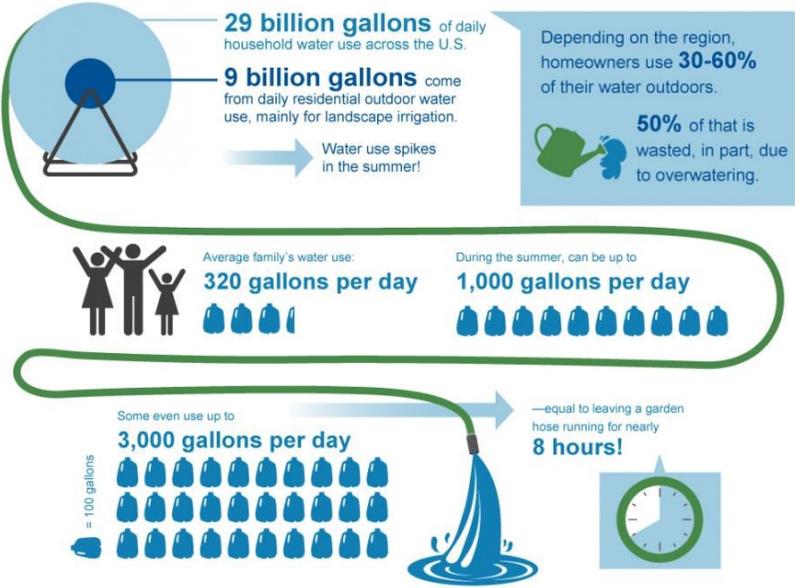
For more information contact the Town Hall or email [hwrc.all@gmail.com](mailto:hwrc.all@gmail.com)

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# SAVE WATER IN THE YARD THIS SUMMER

As temperatures rise in the summer, so does our outdoor water use, mostly on lawns and landscapes.



## Simple Things We Can All Do

- Step on it:** Step on the lawn: if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.
- Leave it long:** Longer grass promotes a more drought-resistant lawn, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.
- Take a sprinkler break:** Grass isn't really meant to be bright green in the summer.

## Simple Things Irrigation System Owners Can Do

Homes with automatic irrigation systems can use about **50%** more water outdoors.

### Timing is everything:

Plan to water in the early morning or evening to beat daytime evaporation.



### Look for the label:

If your system uses a clock timer, consider upgrading to a WaterSense labeled controller that acts like a thermostat for your lawn, using local weather data to determine when and how much to water. They can reduce irrigation water use by 15%, saving nearly **8,800 gallons** of water per year.



### Go with a pro:

Contractors certified through a WaterSense labeled program can audit, install, or maintain home irrigation systems so no water is wasted.

### Tune up your system:

Inspect irrigation systems, and fix leaks and broken or clogged sprinkler heads.

Make sure you're watering the lawn, not the sidewalk or driveway!

Just 1 broken sprinkler head could waste up to **25,000 gallons** of water and **\$90+** over a 6-month irrigation season — the cost of about 300 daffodil bulbs.



WaterSense, a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply. For more tips on reducing outdoor water use, visit [www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor).

