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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice of Mandatory Water Restrictions

In order to protect the drinking water supplies and provide for adequate fire protection, the following drought response measures were by adopted the Board of Selectmen at a special meeting held on March 9, 2017 and apply to all public and private water supplies including private wells, effective immediately. This is in accordance with Town Ordinances: Article 5 – Water Shortages.

1. Water Supply Emergency - effective immediately

1.1. Outdoor Water Irrigation Restrictions

1.1.1. Mandatory water ban on all outdoor irrigation by automatic irrigation systems and sprinkler type equipment.

1.1.2. Mandatory water ban on watering of fairways at golf courses. Courses must limit irrigation to tee areas and greens and be in compliance with their Drought Management Plans. All courses are required to maintain adequate levels in ponds registered with the fire department as fire ponds with the fire department. Voluntary maintenance of pond and other surface water levels are requested to ensure proper fire safety.

1.2. Exceptions to Outdoor Irrigation Restrictions

1.2.1. Use of drip irrigation, soaker hoses and watering by hand held hose is allowed.

1.2.2. Irrigation of nursery crops at commercial operations is allowed. Commercial operations should have a Water Conservation/Drought Management Plan.

1.2.3. Repairing or testing of new or existing automatic irrigation systems is allowed.

1.2.4. Trucking in water from outside is allowed provided that the water is obtained from an acceptable source that is not under drought advisory or restrictions and is independent of private wells and/or the public water supply system. A bill of sale showing origin of water is required.
1.3. No new water diversions or hookups are to be allowed to provide for outdoor or non-essential use. This includes the drilling of new irrigation wells, or diversions from ponds, streams or other surface waters. All residents are asked to maintain surface water levels for fire protection purposes.

1.4. In addition to mandatory requirements, all residents and businesses should practice water conservation and reduce water usage by 20%. This includes making sure that all plumbing and air conditioning systems that use water are in good repair with no leakage.

1.5. No drawing of water for transport by truck from any surface water supply except for emergency purposes as determined by the Director of Health and the Fire Chief.

1.6. The Fire Department will continue monitoring of public land for fire hazards and possible park closures.

1.7. Additional restrictions may be adopted as recommended by the Director of Health, Conservation Director, and the Fire Chief at any time.

1.8. Variances may be issued by the Conservation Director in consultation with the Director Health on a limited basis to protect the environment and ensure community resiliency.

Denise Savageau, Conservation Director
March 9, 2017