

**TOWN OF MANCHESTER
WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

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FROM: MANCHESTER WATER DEPARTMENT

RE: WATER SUPPLY STATUS – ADVISORY NOTICE

The Town of Manchester Water Department is issuing a water advisory notice to all citizens, businesses, institutions and users of the potable water supply because the levels of the Town's reservoirs have dropped below 70 percent of capacity due to the lack of precipitation. This past year's rainfall is about 6.18 inches behind the annual average. Hopefully a reduction of water use and a change in precipitation patterns will reverse the present trend.

This conservation advisory requests that all residential, commercial and industrial users voluntarily conserve water by taking shorter showers, running dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads, shutting off water while washing hands, shaving and brushing teeth, and minimizing the watering of lawns and gardens. Further voluntary conservation measures include avoiding the power washing of homes, sidewalks and driveways; reducing the frequency of washing vehicles, and decreasing the refilling of swimming pools.

It is also recommended that any leaky plumbing fixtures be repaired or replaced with low-flow devices.

The Water Department will continue to monitor the level of the reservoirs and will lift the advisory notice once the reservoir capacities return to normal or a significant increase in volume is recognized. If voluntary measures prove inadequate or there is a continued lack of precipitation resulting in reservoirs levels dropping to 60%, the Town will need to implement additional conservation measures in accordance with the Drought Contingency Plan. This would include mandatory use restrictions in order to ensure an adequate supply of water is available for normal domestic consumption and fire protection.

The Town of Manchester wishes to thank all our water customers for their participation in these voluntary conservation efforts. By being proactive, we hope to avoid any mandatory restrictions of water usage. For further information, please call us at (860) 647-3115 or visit our website at <http://www.townofmanchester.org/Water/> and click on the Water Supply Status link.

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