

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



PRESS RELEASE

**FOR
IMMEDIATE
RELEASE**

August 16, 2016

Portsmouth Water Division Enforces Water Restrictions

PORTSMOUTH, NH – Due to ongoing dry conditions, the Department of Public Works – Water Division will now be restricting irrigation use. The Water Division is requesting customers refrain from outdoor watering on even-numbered days, and to only water lawns and gardens on odd-numbered days from midnight to 10:00 a.m (see attached Water Use Restriction sign).

“According to data tracked by the City’s water operations staff, river levels are very low for this time of year and the reservoir is also lower than normal,” states Brian Goetz, Deputy Director of Public Works. “This is an issue that has grown beyond the Seacoast. The entire state is now experiencing either abnormally dry to severely dry water conditions, according to New Hampshire’s Department of Environmental Services. While we have experienced recent rain events, the amount will need to be substantial in order to recover from drought conditions. In turn, it is very important that our customers take this seriously and cooperate in being efficient with their water use.” City staff will continue to monitor these conditions, but it is likely these measure will be in effect until substantial rainfall occurs and the Seacoast recovers from the current severe drought conditions.

Customers can read the full Water Supply Status Report and details behind the current supply status at www.Cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks (click on “water”), and view current State conditions at <http://tinyurl.com/nhwaterbans>. For more information, please contact Brian Goetz, Deputy Director of Public Works at 766-1420.



Portsmouth Water Division

WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

ODD-EVEN OUTDOOR WATERING DAYS

ODD DAYS:

**OUTDOOR WATERING ALLOWED BETWEEN
MIDNIGHT AND 10:00 AM**

EVEN DAYS:

NO OUTDOOR WATERING

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT:

www.cityofportsmouth.com

or by calling: 603-766-7669