

TOWN OF IPSWICH UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



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TO: WATER COMMISSIONERS
FROM: VICKI HALMEN
SUBJECT: DROUGHT EMERGENCY
DATE: 10/6/2020
CC: TOWN MANAGER, MEDIA OUTLETS

Due to persistent drought conditions including lack of precipitation, decreasing reservoir storage, reduced streamflow and elevated water use, the Water Department is declaring a Drought Emergency. This Drought Emergency is being imposed in accordance with the Town of Ipswich Drought Management Plan and is effective immediately.

During a declared Drought Emergency all outside use of water continues to be prohibited and indoor water use shall be limited to essential use only. This applies to all water users in Ipswich (residential, commercial, municipal, private wells). The Drought Emergency shall remain in effect until further notice. Questions may be directed to the Water Department at 978-356-6635.

The Water Department is working with MassDEP on options to augment our supply. It is imperative that water demand drop to winter levels immediately to ensure the Water Department can continue to meet basic domestic and firefighting needs. We would like to thank those customers who are conserving for their cooperation during this drought condition.