

Rye Water District

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Voluntary Water Use Restrictions

As many of you already know most of the State of New Hampshire has been experiencing drought conditions since June of 2020. Presently we are experiencing abnormally dry conditions and due to limited precipitation over the winter and spring river levels and ground water levels are still below normal. We would appreciate our customers observing **Voluntary Outside Water Use Restrictions** to help protect our wells and reduce the need for **Mandatory Water Use Restrictions**. Please see our Water Use Guidelines document on this website in Recent News for other water conservation information.

Limit your lawn watering to only two times per week

Customers are to **limit lawn watering to only two times per week**. The optimum time to run sprinklers is between sunrise and 9 a.m., and one inch of water per week is sufficient to keep grass green.

- Please avoid wasting water by sprinkling impermeable surfaces such as sidewalks and driveways.
- No watering is necessary if it has rained within the last 48 hours. Pay attention the weather forecast and postpone watering if rain is forecast within the next 24 hours.
- Hand watering is strongly encouraged for gardens, flowers and other ornamentals because it is a much more efficient use of water.
- With several months of hot, dry weather being forecast, efficient water use now will reduce the probability of a mandatory lawn watering ban later.

Thank you,

Rye Water District Staff and Commissioners