

PRESS RELEASE

Cohasset Water Department Imposed Mandatory Outdoor Water Conservation

COHASSET, August 20, 2010 – Cohasset Water Department today imposed a Mandatory Water Restriction for all customers effective Monday, August 23, 2010. The move is caused by the continued lack of rain.

Under the Restrictions, outdoor watering is allowed **using hand-held water devices only**. The Restrictions do not allow permanent irrigation systems or unattended sprinklers to be used. **Irrigation systems are to be shut off immediately**.

Under the Department's Rules and Regulations, failure to comply with the mandatory restrictions will first result in a written warning. Subsequent violations can result in a penalty of \$50.00 for the first occurrence and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation.

“We are asking customers to restrict their watering to plants, vegetables and shrubbery”, said Chris Seebeck, Chairman of Cohasset Water Commission.

“Rainfall for May, June and July is down by over 52% compared to a 50-year average for the same months”, although the supply of water in our reservoir is sufficient, our Water Withdrawal Permit issued by DEP requires this action if rain fall is below 60% of normal for three consecutive months”, said Seebeck.

Under the MA DEP Water Management Act, the Cohasset Water Department is only allowed to pump and average 950,000 gallons per day (MGD) on an annual basis. “During the summer, we have found that water usage increases about 125% or more, and most of that increase is due to outside watering through the use of irrigation systems”, said Seebeck.

The Department recommends several ways to use water wisely inside the home to help in the water conservation effort:

- Avoid running your dishwasher and washing machine with partial loads
- Repair all leaks
- Turn off the water while shaving, brushing your teeth and washing your face or hands
- Fill water jugs and refrigerate to avoid running the water to get it cold

For additional information and conservation tips, call the Cohasset Water Department at 781-383-0057 or visit our website at www.cohassetwater.org.



COHASSET WATER DEPARTMENT
MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

Resident and businesses must eliminate all irrigation systems

Effective Monday, August 23, 2010 **Cohasset Water Department** has implemented **Mandatory Water Use Restrictions** due to the lack of rain fall. Outdoor watering is allowed **using hand-held water devices only (no permanent irrigation systems are allowed)**. Please eliminate all other nonessential outdoor water use and conserve water within your homes and businesses. For additional information please contact the Cohasset Water Department's Service Department at 781-383-0057 or visit the Cohasset Water Departments website at www.cohassetwater.org.