

**The Water Shortage Ordinance allows a fine to be imposed, with each water restriction violation deemed a separate violation.**

For a list of water conservation changes implemented by the Town of Greenwich, visit the Town's website at [www.greenwichct.org](http://www.greenwichct.org).

## **WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

### **Bathroom**

- Don't let the water run while shaving, brushing teeth, or washing hands.
- Take short showers instead of tub baths. Turn off water while soaping or shampooing.
- If tub must be used, close drain before turning on the water and fill only half full. Bathe small children together.

### **Kitchen and Laundry**

- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting faucet run until water is cool. Heat water on the stove instead of running from the faucet until hot.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin.
- Do not use water to thaw frozen foods; thaw in the refrigerator overnight.
- Scrape, rather than rinse, dishes before loading dishwasher.
- Wash only full loads of laundry & dishes; use the short cycle.

**Equipment**—homes with high-efficiency plumbing fixtures and appliances save about 30% of indoor water use and yield substantial savings on water, sewer, and energy bills:

- Install low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads.
- Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water a day.

- Consider purchasing a high efficiency washing machine which can save over 50% in water and energy use.

### **Outdoors**

- Use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce water evaporation.
- Raise your lawn mower height—longer grass blades help shade each other and reduce water evaporation.
- Minimize or eliminate fertilizing, which promotes new growth needing additional watering.

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*Remember:  
Conserving water is  
EVERYONE'S responsibility.*



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# **Town of Greenwich**

## **PHASE 2 DROUGHT WATER USE RESTRICTIONS**

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## **WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY**

The Town of Greenwich is experiencing a water supply emergency.

On October 6, 2016, the Greenwich Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the enactment of Phase 2 of the Town's Water Supply Emergency Ordinance. The following water restrictions are **MANDATORY** and apply to all residents served by Aquarion Water Company and private wells. Industrial and commercial businesses are also required to comply.

The complete list of restrictions can be found on the Town of Greenwich website at [www.greenwichct.org](http://www.greenwichct.org).

### **WATER CONSERVATION PLANS**

- All residents as well as all industrial and commercial businesses must immediately formulate and implement a water conservation plan that reduces water consumption by 20%. Plans for industry and businesses must be in writing and kept on the premises for possible inspection by town authorities.

### **OUTDOOR WATERING**

- Mandatory ban of all outdoor watering unless necessary to sustain food crops or crops for harvest by commercial farms. Watering of new plantings is allowed by bucket or watering can.
- Water use for irrigation of existing lawns is prohibited. Variances for newly seeded lawns and plantings issued during Phase 1 restrictions are null and void.
- Variances may be granted by the Conservation Director for seeding (no sod) of bare soil to limit erosion.
- New planting and lawn seeding/sodding should be postponed.

- Watering of plants by plant nurseries and commercial growers is allowed to maintain inventory. However, a water conservation plan must demonstrate a 20% reduction in water use.

### **OTHER OUTDOOR WATER USE**

- Water usage for private and/or public ornamental or decorative purposes such as fountains, waterfalls, reflecting pools, ponds, etc. is prohibited.
- Water usage to wash or clean motor vehicles or vessels is prohibited UNLESS done as a means of livelihood at a commercial facility with a recycling system in place. In the absence of a recycling system, the Conservation Director must be contacted.
- Boats being removed from the water for the winter season may use hand held hose or bucket to clean bottom.
- Water usage to flush driveways, sidewalks, decks or other outdoor surfaces is prohibited.
- Water usage to clean outsides of buildings (power washing) may be allowed if the activity is a commercial business. A variance must be filed with the Conservation Director.
- Water usage to clean windows can only be done by exclusively from a bucket or container of 3 gallons capacity or less.
- New water diversions or hookups are not allowed for outdoor or non-essential use. Irrigation well applications will not be entertained by the Department of Health. Diversions from ponds, streams, and other surface waters will not be allowed except for fire protection purposes.

- Filling swimming pools and hot tubs is prohibited UNLESS water is obtained from an acceptable out of town source not under drought advisory or restrictions. If pool use is necessary for medical or health reason, approval must be given by the Director of Health.
- Commercial and public swimming pools already in operation may maintain water levels but cannot be refilled if drained.

### **OTHER WATER RESTRICTIONS**

- All food service establishments are prohibited from serving water UNLESS requested by patron.
- Use of fire hydrants for any purpose other than for health, fire protection, or other emergencies deemed by the Town is prohibited.
- Water use on golf courses is prohibited EXCEPT for irrigating tees and greens. Facilities must have a drought management plan and maintain ponds on the premises for fire department use.
- Drawing water for transport by truck for commercial use from any Greenwich surface water supply is prohibited EXCEPT for emergency purposes as determined by the Director of Health and the Fire Chief.

**Additional restrictions may be adopted at any time as recommended by the Director of Health, the Conservation Director, and the Fire Chief.**



