

Boylston Water District

Water Conservation Regulation

The Boylston Water District voted at their May 3, 2011 meeting to enact mandatory water use restrictions effective May 1st until September 30th each calendar year.

Notification of these restrictions will be sent to each customer of the District. Additional notification and updates will be made available on the District's web site, local cable TV and local newspapers. Any questions regarding the restrictions can be addressed through the BWD office at 508-869-3400.

Section 1 Authority

This regulation is adopted by the Boylston Water District under its powers to adopt such rules and regulations for the management of its water works pursuant to Section 11 of the Boylston Water District Charter; pursuant to Chapter 421 of the Acts of 1951 as amended by Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2002.

This regulation also implements the District's authority under the Charter and Massachusetts law, conditioned upon a declaration of water supply emergency issued by the Department of Environmental protection. Any restriction imposed shall not be effective until such notification is provided. A Notification of the State of Water Supply Conservation shall also be simultaneously provided to the Massachusetts department of Environmental protection.

Section 2 Purpose

The purpose of this regulation is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force, a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the District or by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 3 Definitions

*Person-shall mean any individual, corporation trust, partnership or association.

*State of Water Supply Conservation-shall mean a State of Water Supply Conservation declared by District pursuant to Sec 4 of this regulation.

*State of Water Supply Emergency-shall mean a State of Water Supply Emergency declared by the Department of Environmental protection under M.G.L.c21G, sec 15-17.

*Water Users or Water Consumers-shall mean all members and users of the District's water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

Section 4 Declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation

The District, through its Board of Commissioners, may declare a **State of Water Supply Conservation** upon determination by a majority vote of the Board, that a shortage of water exists and conservation measures are appropriate to ensure an adequate supply of water to all water consumers. Public notice of a State of Water Conservation shall be given under Section 6 of this regulation before it may be enforced.

Section 5 Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation

A state of Water Supply conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Water Commissioners, upon determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. Public notification for the termination shall be given in the same manner as restrictions.

Water Conservation Measures and Restrictions during periods of Water Shortage:

In accordance with Water Supply Protection and with the terms of any water management act withdrawal permit or other regulations issued by the Department of Environmental protection(D.E.P.) certain water use restrictions shall be put into effect when different levels of water shortage or drought are identified.

Water Conservation Levels and Restrictions

Level I -NORMAL No restriction

Level II- ADVISORY Voluntary conservation to minimize usage

Level III- WATCH Mandatory Conservation with outdoor watering permitted only between 5:00p.m. And 9:00a.m.Car washing permitted during restricted hours. Filling of swimming pools is prohibited.

Level IV-WARING Mandatory conservation with outdoor limited as above, except that odd numbered houses may water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Even numbered houses may water on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Level V-EMERGENCY No outdoor watering.

Violations of the Water Regulations are subject to enforcement fines of up to \$100.00 per violation.

Restrictions do not apply to private water supplies or industrial uses integral to the commercial or industrial process.