

## **Boylston Water District**

### **Water Conservation Regulation**

The Boylston Water District (“BWD”) voted at their April 4, 2011 meeting to enact mandatory Water Conservation Regulation as part of the District’s Rules and Regulations, and such regulation shall be effective May 3, 2011 through September 30, 2011.

Notification of the adoption of regulation 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 regulation can be addressed through the BWD office at 508-869-3400.

#### **Section 1 Authority**

This Regulation is adopted by the Boylston Water District pursuant to 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.

The implementation of this Regulation is made pursuant to the District's authority pursuant to the Charter and pursuant to Massachusetts law, conditioned upon a declaration of Water Supply Emergency or State of Water Supply Conservation. Upon a declaration of a Water Supply Emergency by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) or a declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation by the District, the District shall notify its customers and upon notice being given, this Regulation shall be deemed in full force and effect. A notification of the implementation of this Regulation 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 and effect 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 Massachusetts 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 Section 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 and the restrictions determined by the Board in accordance with section 7 herein shall be provided to water users.

### **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 the notice of a declaration of State of Water Supply Conservation is given.

### **Section 6 Declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency and Termination of a State of Water Supply Emergency**

Upon DEP declaring a State of Water Supply Emergency, the District shall provide notice to the water users of such declaration and the applicable restrictions in accordance with Section 7 herein. Upon termination of the State of Water Supply Emergency, the District shall be given in the same manner as the notice of a Declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency.

### **Section 7 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 DEP, certain water use restrictions shall be put into effect when different levels of water shortage or drought are identified. The following are the water conservation levels and restrictions:

#### **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-WARNING**      Mandatory conservation with outdoor watering limited as above, except that odd numbered houses may water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and 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.**

**Notice shall be provided to the water users by first class mail, return receipt requested and any other form of notice determined by the District to be reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.**