

Mandatory Restrictions on Non-Essential Water Use

Town of Merrimac Director of Public Works, Robert Sinibaldi announced today that effective June 22nd, 2020, all non-essential outdoor water uses are prohibited until further notice.

The mandatory restrictions are due to the system's inability to keep up with the demand. Water is being used faster than it is being pumped. When this occurs, the town's standpipes (water towers) are not able to maintain levels necessary for system pressures and fire protection. A description of non-essential water uses subject to mandatory restrictions as well as permitted uses is described below.

Residents and business owners with questions on these restrictions should contact the Department of Public Works at 978-346-0525 or the Water Department 978-346-8407.

Outdoor Water Use Restrictions, Permitted Uses and Uses Not Subject to Mandatory Restrictions

EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY:

**ALL OUTSIDE WATERING IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES.
THIS INCLUDES ALL ADDRESSES AT ALL TIMES
PLANTS MAY BE WATERED BY HAND ONLY.**

Outdoor water uses NOT subject to mandatory restrictions are those required:

- For health or safety reasons
- By regulation
- For the production of food and fiber
- For the maintenance of livestock
- To meet the core functions of a business (for example; irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees, greens, and limited fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock.)

*****Violators will be issued a written warning for the first offense. A second offense will be fined \$50.00, and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.**