Water Emergency Further Restrictions - October 17, 2020

Drought conditions are forecast to continue into the foreseeable future. Water supplies may reach dangerously low levels if no significant rainfall is received in the near future. In order to enhance water conservation and help preserve water supplies needed for human consumption, sanitary purposes and fire protection, Mayor Harry Rilling declared a water emergency that went into effect on September 5. Chapter 57C of the Norwalk Code of Ordinances provides the Mayor with this authority.

This Water Emergency will remain in effect until reserves reach an acceptable level. **Beginning on October 17, 2020, the water restrictions are updated to prohibit the sprinkling, watering, or irrigating of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, ground cover, plants and flowers except when these items are intended for sale.** All other restricted activities remain in effect and continue to be unlawful and prohibited during the Water Emergency:

1. Washing automobiles, trucks, trailers, or boats except at automated facilities using no more than 45 gallons of potable water per vehicle.
2. Washing or flushing walks, driveways, pavement, porches, or other outdoor surfaces.
3. Use of fire hydrants for purposes other than the protection of public safety by a public agency.
4. Filling or draining ponds or lakes used for private or public recreational purposes.
5. Knowingly allowing leaking plumbing fixtures.

Norwalk Police Officers will first advise violators to curtail prohibited activities. Failure to comply will result in the issuance of a fine not to exceed $90 per day for each day the violation exists.
Cooperation from the public during this time is essential to making sure we have water when we need it. For tips on conserving water, please see the water department websites at [www.firstdistrictwater.org](http://www.firstdistrictwater.org) and [www.snew.org](http://www.snew.org).

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