



DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

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Dighton Water District Superintendent, Jeffrey Cloonan, announced today that effective June 24, 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 District's standpipes (water towers) are not able to maintain levels necessary for the system pressures and fire protection. A description of non-essential water uses subject to mandatory restrictions as well as permitted uses is described below.

EFFECTIVE 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 restriction are those required:

- For health or safety purposes
- For the production of food and fiber
- For the maintenance of livestock
- To meet core functions of a business (for example: irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock)

Dighton Water District By-Laws

Article VIII

SECTION 8: State of Water Supply Emergency; compliance with DEP order

Upon notification of the public that a declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency has been issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition or any order approved or issued by the Department intended to bring about an end to the State of Emergency.

SECTION 9: Penalties

Any person violating this by-law shall be subject to the following fines:

- **FIRST OFFENSE:** WRITTEN WARNING
- **SECOND OFFENSE:** \$50.00 FINE
- **THIRD OFFENSE:** \$100.00 FINE
- **FOURTH OFFENSE:** TERMINATION OF WATER UNTIL THE MATTER OF CONTINUED VIOLATION IS RESOLVED

This section shall be enforced under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 21D. Upon a violation of the by-law, the Board of Water Commissioner shall serve a written notice to appear before Clerk of Court of the District Court not later than 21 days after receipt of said notice. Therefore, the procedures set forth in Chapter 40, Section 21D, shall be followed.

Residents and business owners with questions on these restrictions should contact the Dighton Water District at 508-824-9390.