Town of Scituate

Department of Public Works
Water Division

TOTAL BAN ON ALL NONESSENTIAL OUTDOOR WATER USE

Dear Residents,

As a result of high seasonal water usage and a lack of significant rainfall the level in our reservoir has fallen significantly. Per the Department of Environmental Protection when the reservoir falls to a level of 36 feet we must implement a total ban on all nonessential outdoor water use. For more information please visit our website at http://www.scituatema.gov/water-division. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Restricted Nonessential Outdoor Water Uses

Nonessential outdoor water uses that are subject to mandatory restrictions include:

- irrigation of lawns via automatic irrigation systems;
- filling swimming pools;
- washing vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety; and
- washing exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

The following uses may be allowed when mandatory restrictions are in place:

- irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of May and September;
- irrigation of public parks and recreational fields **before 9 am and after 5 pm**;
- irrigation of gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation system; and irrigation of lawns by means of a hand-held hose **before 9 am and after 5 pm.**

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; or
- to meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees, greens, and minimal fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock).

*****Violation of these conservation measures may result in fines of up to $100.00 per day (Scituate Code of General Bylaws, Section 30660).**