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The current status of the reservoir is -82.0" (33.17 feet) which equates to 21.36% full.

Below is an itemization of the water used by the Town comparing August 1-7 with September 1-7, 2016. This will allow you to follow how we are doing with supply and conservation.

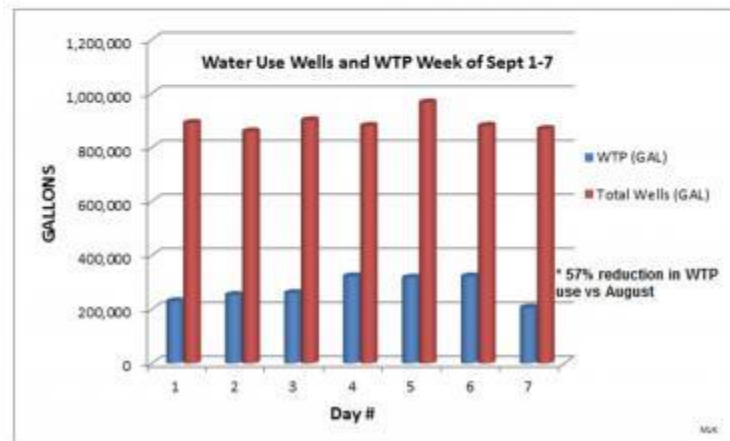
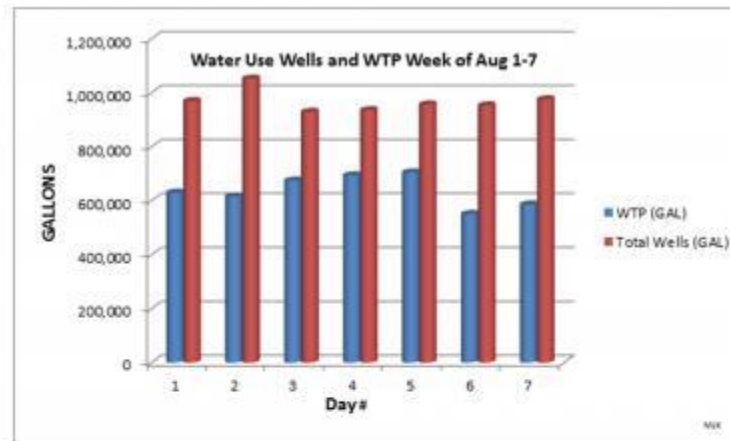
This week's question: Why doesn't the Town charge residents with high use a higher rate than those who use less?

The Town already has a tiered billing system for just that. You can learn all about it by watching our latest Public Service Announcement posted on the Town's website ([www.scituatema.gov](http://www.scituatema.gov)) Facebook and cable access station or here at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUpXQOA6-YQ>

Water Use Treatment Plant and Wells  
Week of Aug 1-7 vs Week of September 1-7

DATE	WTP (GAL)	Total Wells (GAL)	Daily Total
1-Aug-16	630,000	969,520	1,599,520
2-Aug-16	616,000	1,052,274	1,668,274
3-Aug-16	675,000	929,273	1,604,273
4-Aug-16	694,000	935,224	1,629,224
5-Aug-16	705,000	957,030	1,662,030
6-Aug-16	551,000	953,390	1,504,390
7-Aug-16	586,000	975,616	1,561,616
<b>Weekly Total (GAL)</b>	<b>4,457,000</b>	<b>6,772,327</b>	<b>11,229,327</b>
<b>Average Daily (GAL)</b>	<b>636,714</b>	<b>967,475</b>	<b>1,604,190</b>
1-Sep-16	231,000	891,437	1,122,437
2-Sep-16	254,000	860,152	1,114,152
3-Sep-16	261,000	901,592	1,162,592
4-Sep-16	323,000	880,595	1,203,595
5-Sep-16	318,000	967,513	1,285,513
6-Sep-16	323,000	880,966	1,203,966
7-Sep-16	207,000	869,000	1,076,000
<b>Weekly Total (GAL)</b>	<b>1,917,000</b>	<b>6,251,255</b>	<b>8,168,255</b>
<b>Average Daily (GAL)</b>	<b>273,857</b>	<b>893,036</b>	<b>1,166,894</b>



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During the first week of September the Water Treatment Plant was fed from Well 17A only. We have not withdrawn from the reservoir since August 26th.

We have also had inquiries about private well users. Of the 125 wells in town only six are used for drinking supply. In order to restrict use of private wells the Town would need to have a bylaw in place regulating this. Based on extensive research by the Board of Health, we have found only a few communities that have actually done this.

Below are some of the latest suggestions to conserve water provided by you! Send your tips to [conservewater@scituatema.gov](mailto:conservewater@scituatema.gov)

Keep a bucket in the sink to catch water while we wait for it to warm up.

Place a displacement unit of some kind; bottle of water, jug, etc. inside your toilet tank in order to use less each time you flush. The water department has a limited supply of special, heavy duty plastic bags with clips on the side for this purpose.

When closing your pool, do not lower the water, but use that pool water to clean your filter. Normally, cleaning a filter with the hose takes at least 30 minutes, which wastes lots of water! Use a pump and a high pressure hose adapter to make it strong enough pressure to knock the old DE and dirt off of the filters.

Keep mini paper cups in the bathroom for teeth. Don't run the water over your brush, fill the cup (it's about 4 ounces) and dip your brush in before adding the toothpaste. Same water is used to rinse at the end.

Make a rain barrel out of a plastic trash can to catch rain. If you have one at each downspout at the 4 corners of the house where the biggest roof area ends, you will catch gallons of water, even with a very light rainfall.