

ATTENTION

City of Westfield Water Consumers

Water Use Restrictions

Pursuant to its authority under State and local laws, rules, and regulations, the Westfield Board of Water Commissioners has declared a State of Water Supply Conservation. Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper declared the Connecticut River Valley region has been raised to a Level – 2 Significant Drought, and therefore the Board of Water Commissioners is required to implement a mandatory non-essential outdoor water use ban.

Water use restrictions. These restrictions apply to customers of the City of Westfield Department of Public Works - Water Division and are necessary to comply with our water registration statement. These restrictions are subject to change as conditions require.

This Non- Essential Outdoor Water Use Ban begins September 12, 2025 and shall be effective until further notice.

A All non-essential water use is banned except by drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering can before 9am or after 5pm.

Examples of “non-essential” water use include:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety; and
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.
- Irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose, soaker hose or drip irrigation system.

Examples of water uses NOT subject to restrictions:

1. For health or safety reasons, including public facilities used for cooling such as splash pads and swimming pools, and for washing of boats, engines or marine equipment to prevent negative saltwater impacts or the transfer of invasive aquatic species;
2. by permit, license, statute or regulation;

3. for the production of food, including vegetable gardens, and fiber;
4. for the maintenance of livestock;
5. to meet the core functions (those functions essential to the commercial operations) of a business, including but not limited to:
 - a. plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock;
 - b. golf courses as necessary to maintain greens and tees, and limited fairway watering per 310 CMR 36.07(2)(c)2.a through c.;
 - c. venues used for weddings or similar special events that limit watering to hand-held hose or drip irrigation as necessary to maintain gardens, flowers and ornamental plants;
 - d. professional washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways and/or sidewalks as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement in the course of construction, reconstruction or renovation work;
6. for irrigation of public parks before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.
7. for irrigation of public and private recreation fields, including those operated by schools, colleges, universities, and athletic associations, before 9:00a.m. and after 5:00p.m.;
8. for irrigation of publicly-funded shade trees and trees in the public right-of-way; or
9. to establish a new lawn as necessary to stabilize soil in response to new construction or following the repair or replacement of a Title 5 system.

Enforcement:

It is unlawful for any person to violate the terms, conditions, restrictions or requirements of a declaration of a state of water supply emergency or state of water supply conservation. The penalty for violation of these mandatory restrictions is \$50.00 for the first violation, \$100.00 for the second, and \$150.00 for the third and each additional violation. Each day on which a violation occurs constitutes a separate violation.

This mandatory water restriction program is designed to sustain the water supply for all. Your anticipated cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact the Water Division at 413-572-6269.