

**TOWN OF HAMILTON
WATER CONSERVATION
INCREASE RESTRICTIONS
July 22nd, 2025**

The discharge flow rate of the Ipswich River near the Willowdale Dam continues to stay below the flows rates deemed necessary by MassDEP to sustain a healthy watershed. The latest reading at the gauge was 9.23 ft/s. Under the current MassDEP Water Registration Permit, the Town of Hamilton must enact water necessary conservation measures when the Ipswich River discharge falls below 52.5 ft/s. As stated, currently the discharge has been and continues well below this threshold.

For the reason stated above and pursuant Condition 5 of Hamilton's MassDEP Water Management Act Permit and Chapter XXV, Section 5 of the Town of Hamilton By-Laws, the Hamilton Select Board, acting as Town Water Commissioners, has implemented additional conservation restrictions, effective July 21st, 2025, to ensure that an adequate supply of water is available to all users, including **fire-fighting operations**, and that water withdrawal volumes remain within permitted and registration limits; and that any conditions set forth in the Town's water withdrawal Permit are satisfied.

The Hamilton Select Board and Hamilton Water Department requests residents abide by the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements:

H. Outdoor Sprinkler Use: The use of lawn and garden sprinklers of all types, including the use of drip irrigation hoses or other devices that use subsurface application is prohibited. Hand watering is permitted. This ban includes water from private wells.

Any person violating this By-law shall be subject to a penalty, which shall inure to the Town, in the amount of \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation. Fines shall be recovered by indictment, or on complaint before the District Court, or by non-criminal disposition in accordance with G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 21D. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

We would like to thank all residents for their understanding and cooperation.

Timothy J. Olson
DPW Director
Town of Hamilton