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**LEVEL IV WATER USE RESTRICTIONS
(EFFECTIVE AUGUST 23, 2016)**

The **Town of Uxbridge Board of Selectmen (acting as Water and Sewer Commissioners)** has enacted water restrictions due to concerns related to meeting peak water demand. In accordance with the conditions of the Water Management Act Permits issued to the Town of Uxbridge by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the Uxbridge Department of Public Works (DPW) has recommended, and the Town has approved, an increase to **Level IV Water Use Restrictions**.

The recent hot weather and lack of significant rainfall has resulted in a dramatic increase in water use and water levels well below average. The Water and Sewer Commissioners have proactively implemented additional emergency water use restrictions in order to protect our water supply. Outdoor water use is a major component of the increased demand on our water supply during the summer months. For these reasons, increased outdoor water restrictions have been enacted.

Effective August 23, 2016, the following restrictions are in addition to and supersede the prior restrictions that were recently enacted. **All non-essential water use shall be prohibited until further notice**. Examples of non-essential outdoor water uses include the following:

1. Uses that are not required for health and safety reasons.
2. Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems.
3. Washing of vehicles other than by means of a commercial car wash, except as may be necessary for operator safety.
4. Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks.
5. The use of handheld hoses for watering vegetable or flower gardens, shrubbery and trees.
6. Filling swimming pools.

In accordance with General Bylaw Chapter 336 Water Conservation, Section 9, any person or entity who or which violates these restrictions shall be issued a warning for the first violation and shall be liable to the Town of Uxbridge in the amount of **\$50** for the second violation and **\$100** for each subsequent violation, which shall inure to the Town of Uxbridge. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. Repeat offences are subject to termination of service until compliant, and a \$30.00¹ fee for restoration of service.

Please follow the mandatory restriction requirements until further notice. Any questions regarding the water restrictions can be directed to the office of the Department of Public Works at (508) 278-8616.

¹ Subject to contractual overtime rates when outside normal business hours.