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City Issues Outdoor Water Restrictions

Mayor Ken Gray announced today that the City has issued mandatory outdoor water use restrictions effective beginning tomorrow and continuing until further notice.

These restrictions are the result of the extreme ongoing drought experienced by Amesbury and the surrounding region and the low levels of Amesbury's reservoirs.

Prohibited outdoor water uses include:

- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash.
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks except as necessary to apply surface treatments.
- Automated irrigation, soaker hoses or any other outside watering except as listed below.

The following outdoor water uses are permitted:

- The irrigation of gardens, flowers or ornamental plants by use of a handheld hose only.
- Agricultural uses such as the production of food or the maintenance of livestock.

Any person violating these restrictions is subject to a fine of \$50 for a first offense and a fine of \$100 for each subsequent offense as provided in § [1-2](#) of Amesbury City Code. Fines shall be recovered by or on complaint before the District Court or by noncriminal disposition in accordance with MGL c. 40, § 21D and Chapter [1](#), Article [I](#), of the Amesbury City Code. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Any questions can be directed to the Amesbury Department of Public Works at 978-388-8116.

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