



Town of Manchester
Water and Sewer Department
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The Manchester Water Department Alerts Residents on Water Conservation

The Town of Manchester Water Department is issuing a water conservation alert to all citizens, businesses, institutions and users of the potable water supply because the levels of the Town's reservoirs have dropped to 77.3 percent of capacity due to the lack of precipitation and general water usage. The past year's average rainfall is behind the annual average, however we expect the fall weather to result in a decrease in outdoor watering and increased precipitation will reverse the need for further conservation efforts.

This conservation alert requests that all users be mindful of water usage by taking shorter showers, running dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads, shutting off the water while washing hands, shaving and brushing teeth and minimizing the watering of lawns and gardens. Further water reductions can include avoiding the power washing of homes, sidewalks, and driveways, reducing the frequency of washing vehicles and refilling of swimming pools. It is also recommended that any leaky plumbing fixtures be repaired or replaced with low-flow devices.

The Water Department will continue to monitor the level of the reservoirs and will lift the alert once the reservoir capacities return to normal. In the event conditions worsen, the Town may need to implement additional measures in accordance with the [Drought Contingency Plan](#). This may include up to mandatory use restrictions to ensure an adequate supply of water is available for normal domestic consumption and fire protection. Please be proactive.

The Town of Manchester thanks our water customers for their participation in helping reduce water usage. By doing this, we hope to avoid any mandatory restrictions of water usage. For further information, please call us at **(860) 647-3115** or visit our website at <https://www.manchesterct.gov/Government/Departments/Water-and-Sewer-Department/Water-Supply-Status>.

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