

## WEST MILFORD MUA

### July 8, 2016 Water Restrictions

The previous mandatory water ban for any outside use for ALL West Milford MUA water system customers has been modified to allow for partial non-essential use of water. The following restrictions apply and should be followed until further notice:

#### **IN HOME WATER USE:**

- Limit water use for essential items such as clothes dishwashing, showering and bathing as much as possible.

#### **OUTSIDE WATER USE:**

- **Odd numbered addresses** can use water on **any odd numbered day of the month.**
- **Even numbered and unnumbered addresses** are allowed to use water on any **even numbered day of the month.**
- Watering or irrigation of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, gardens or any other vegetation should be limited to only prevent permanent plant damage.
- NO washing of automobiles, trucks, boats, trailers or any other type of mobile equipment is prohibited.
- NO washing of pavements or driveways
- NO washing of any outside dwellings.
- Swimming pools may be topped off using the utmost discretion and only what is necessary to keep minimum capacity.
- **There is absolutely NO filling of pools in a full capacity.**

We are seeking your cooperation with these measures in order to keep our systems at the maximum capacity, however be advised that failure to comply will result in a fine of \$1,000 per occurrence.

## Water Supply Conditions Summary – June 28, 2016

### Continued Dry Spell Beginning to Degrade Drinking Water Supply Indicators

The recovery of drinking water supply reserves experienced over the winter has gradually been erased, and the prevailing dry weather pattern is beginning to take a toll. While there are no adverse impacts on drinking water supplies at this time, the status of stream flows and ground water levels points to potential trouble ahead in terms of a developing water supply drought. If dry conditions persist, the DEP may be forced to take actions to preserve an adequate water supply in the interest of public health and safety.

In the northern two-thirds of the State, streamflow is now rated as “extremely dry”, the lowest category, while in the Southwest and Coastal South regions streams are ranked as “moderately” and “severely” dry, respectively. Unconfined (shallow) ground water levels are faring only marginally better, with a “severely” dry rank in all but the Coastal South region where they remain “moderately” dry. Reservoir storage levels are only modestly below average, boosted by significant pumping and storage through the winter and spring, actions that have helped offset the immediate impact of dry conditions on drinking water supplies.

Beginning the peak water use season on June 1<sup>st</sup> with less than favorable conditions, as we did, constrains our ability to stretch supplies through the summer unless we receive abundant rainfall and water demands are kept in check. Accordingly, DEP water professionals are closely monitoring drought conditions to plan for and recommend administrative actions, if they become necessary. Such actions would begin with designation of a Drought Watch in the affected area(s), followed by a Drought Warning and, if warranted, a Water Emergency.

It is important to stress that being mindful of our water use, both in and outdoors, is critical to stretching supplies and possibly avoiding the need for restrictions being put in place later. For tips on using water efficiently around the home or office, go to <http://njdrought.org/ideas.html>.

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