Water Conservation & Drought Plan

Normal Conditions:

On a year that Norwood and the surrounding area is experiencing normal water conditions the Norwood Water Commission encourages our customers to use the following plan for outside watering to curtail the stress on the infrastructure and equipment; Those customers residing in the Town of Norwood, conduct their outside watering on even calendar days and those customers residing in the rural, conduct their outside water on odd calendar days. Every other day outside watering helps alleviate the stress on the infrastructure and equipment. The Norwood Water Commission encourages their customers to not conduct any outside watering during the heat of the day (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) as a conservation measure.

Water Dispensary customers would be allowed to purchase no more than 7,000 gallons of water per month.

Dry Conditions:

On a dry year the Norwood Water Commission shall inform all customers that outside watering shall only be conducted at before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. on the proper designated calendar day.

Water Dispensary customers will be allowed to purchase no more than 5,000 gallons of water per month.

Water Restrictions

Drought Conditions:

Per the Norwood Water Commission's Rules and Regulation, Article XII, water usage practices will change from conservation to restriction whenever, in the opinion of the Board, there is a shortage of water, whether caused by equipment limitation or failure, fire, or drought conditions, the Board has the authority to restrict use of water in the following sequence.

- Restriction of non-essential uses including lawn irrigation but allowing trees and shrubs to be watered once a week. Water Dispensary customers will be allowed to purchase no more than 4,000 gallons of water per month.
- Restriction of all but domestic/household use and use essential for agricultural, industrial, or commercial enterprises. Water Dispensary customers will be allowed to purchase no more than 3,500 gallons of water per month.
- Restriction of all but domestic/household use. The Norwood Water Commission may discontinue the operation of the Water Dispensary until such time as the Board deems there is sufficient water for the customers connected to our system.

In an emergency, the Public Works Director/ORC, has the authority to restrict the use of water without Board action.