



TOWN OF LINCOLN
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Mandatory Outdoor Water Restriction

The Water Department Drought Management Plan provides guidance on appropriate water restrictions for outdoor water use as needed. These restrictions apply to non-essential outdoor watering by residential and commercial customers. Agricultural water use is considered essential. **Customers who are farmers as defined in the Lincoln Right to Farm Bylaw are therefore exempt from these restrictions.**

Effective May 1st, 2025: Mandatory Stage 2 outdoor watering restrictions

Lincoln was in compliance with the 65 RGPCD for FY2023. The Lincoln Water Department is required, based on Mass DEP Water Withdrawal Permit #9P4-3-20-157.01, to enforce seasonal limits on non-essential outdoor watering from May 1st through September 30th as per 310 CMR 36.07.

Summary of Restrictions



Allowed Activity	Time of day	Stage 1	Stage 2 (2 days per week)	Stage 3 (1 Day per week)	Stage 4
Handheld watering	6PM-9AM	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed
Above-ground/ in-ground sprinklers	7PM-7AM	Every	By house Number Even = Tues/Sat Odd = Wed/Sun 7:00pm – 7:00am	By house number Even = Sat Odd = Sun	Not allowed
Soaker hoses	Any time	Allowed	2 days per week	1 Day per week	Not allowed
Drip irrigation	Any time	Allowed	2 days per week	1 Day per week	Not Allowed
New lawns	Install Watering	Any Time	June & Sept. Only By hand as needed for 20 days, then 2x weekly	June & Sept only 1 Day per week	Not allowed
Washing vehicles	Any time	Allowed	Use commercial	Use commercial	Use commercial
Washing buildings, pavement	Any time	Allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
Swimming pools, hot tubs, spas, Jacuzzis	Any time	Allowed	One fill per season for new or repair	Topping off only 3” per month	Topping off or refill Not Allowed
Car wash fundraisers	Any time	Allowed	Allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
Games or toys with continuous water	Any time	Allowed	Allowed 30 mins/day on the assigned watering day	Allowed 30 mins/day on the assigned watering day	Not allowed

Water use restrictions are automatically implemented May 1st and continue to September 30th. If Higher restrictions may be imposed in response to state drought declarations.

If USGS Stream Gauge 01104500 drops below 35cfs, non-essential outdoor watering is restricted to 1 day per week.

During Stage 1 and above, Water Department staff will be monitoring all sprinkler use in Town and will stop to remind residents of the new restriction policy. A first offence will result in a \$100 fine, and subsequent violations will result in a \$200 fine. If any residents have questions, please contact Richard Noll, Acting Water Superintendent, by phone email: Nollir@lincolntown.org or by phone: 781-259-2669 Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 3:00 pm.

For further information on water conservation and what residents and communities can do, visit the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' [drought page](#).