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Portsmouth Water Supply Status Report

Overview

The following Portsmouth Water Supply Status Report provides the Portsmouth Water customers an assessment of the current water supply conditions. This report is distributed routinely via the City of Portsmouth’s website at: [www.Cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks - water](http://www.Cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks-water)

Water Use Restrictions

Customer Water Restrictions
N/A
None
Voluntary Measures
Odd/Even Watering
Two-Days per Week Watering
No Lawn Watering

The current water supply conditions are recovering from the drought that occurred in 2016. The mandatory “No Lawn Watering” water use restrictions are no longer in effect; however, “Voluntary Measures” are still necessary. Therefore, we are asking our water customers to please continue to use water wisely, minimize waste, and incorporate water efficient fixtures and appliances whenever possible. In an effort to support this goal, the City continues to offer all residential water customers rebates for the installation of low-flow toilets and high-efficiency washing machines. More details can be found in the Public Works Billing Information section of the City’s website.

Recent precipitation events through the end of 2016 and in January and February 2017 have helped to recharge the Bellamy Reservoir and increase stream flows. Groundwater levels have risen to near average conditions for this time of year as a result of snow melt and recent precipitation. However, the recent warm weather has eliminated the snow cover which may reduce the amount of groundwater recharge we normally experience in the March and April months. Water operations staff will continue to assess the conditions and update monthly.

Additional updates and tips regarding water efficiency can be accessed at the cityofportsmouth.com.