



*Department of Public Works
Bridgewater Water Supply
25 South Street
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DECLARATION OF WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY

Issued by MassDEP in Coordination with the Town of Bridgewater

The Town of Bridgewater has officially declared a water supply emergency for the Bridgewater water supply, effective immediately. This necessary action is being taken as the Town of Bridgewater works diligently to improve our critical water infrastructure. Please be assured that we are addressing this matter with the utmost seriousness and are committed to improving both water quality and water quantity as swiftly as possible.

Urgent Action Requested: Mandatory Water Use Restrictions

As part of this emergency declaration, we ask for the cooperation of all residents and businesses to help control the water supply situation. To this end, we are instituting and encouraging the following important measures:

- **TOTAL OUTDOOR WATERING BAN REMAINS IN EFFECT:** The existing total outdoor watering ban is strictly enforced. This includes, but is not limited to, the watering of lawns, gardens, and landscaping; the washing of vehicles, driveways, or sidewalks; and the filling of swimming pools.
- **LIMIT INDOOR WATER USE:** We urge all customers to take this situation seriously and limit indoor water use whenever possible. Please adopt conservation practices such as shorter showers, running dishwashers and washing machines only when full, and promptly repairing any leaks.

We recognize that this situation is not ideal and is inconvenient for everyone in our community. We are working diligently to implement the necessary infrastructure improvements. Our goal is to resolve this issue in a timely manner and return the Bridgewater water supply to normal operations as soon as possible. We appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and commitment to conserving our valuable water resources during this critical period.

The Town is working with the Town of Middleborough to establish an interconnection for water supply. Water customers in the area of Vernon Street, the Green Street neighborhood, South Street, Atkinson Drive, Bayberry Circle, Little Pond Circle, Appletree Circle, Maura Drive, Red Mill Road, and Spruce Street may experience water discoloration as we change the direction of water flow with the Middleborough interconnection. The expected discoloration associated with the supply from Middleborough will be temporary, as it is the result of pressure differential in the pipe.

Thank you,

William Young, Bridgewater Water Superintendent