

Abenaki Water Company

Water Supply Update

Serving the Communities of Belmont, Bow and Gilford

Weather Trends/Outlook

Precipitation in January was drier than normal; 1.4 inches compared to 3.0 inches on average. Precipitation has been less than average for the past year and the much of the state continues to be in a Moderate Drought (see the U.S. Drought Monitor map below). The lack of rainfall is depressing natural groundwater recharge and increases the probability of low water levels and possible water use restrictions in 2025.

There are no water use restrictions currently in place for Abenaki’s system yet residents are encouraged to follow the best practices described below. Following these practices will improve general conservation and water efficiency, and contribute to delaying or avoiding mandatory water use restrictions altogether.

Best practices for lawn watering

We recommend that customers water their lawns only two times per week. The optimum time to run sprinklers is between sunrise and 9 a.m., and one inch of water per week is sufficient to keep grass green.

Follow the twice-weekly sprinkler irrigation schedule so no adjustments are needed if/when water use restrictions again become necessary.

See best practices below:

- Please avoid wasting water by sprinkling impermeable surfaces such as sidewalks and driveways.
- No watering is necessary if it has rained within the last 48 hours. Pay attention the weather forecast and postpone watering if rain is forecast within the next 24 hours.
- Hand watering is strongly encouraged for gardens, flowers and other ornamentals because it is a much more efficient use of water.



Twice-Weekly Sprinkler Irrigation Schedule	
Last Digit of Your Address Number	Please Water Only On:
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sunday & Wednesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturday & Tuesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight
No address number	Sunday & Wednesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight

