

Water Supply Update

Serving the Communities of Hampton, North Hampton, Rye & Stratham

Weather Trends/Outlook

Precipitation in December continued to be drier than normal; 3.6 inches compared to 4.6 inches on average. Precipitation has been less than average for the past year and the seacoast continues to be in a Moderate Drought (see the U.S. Drought Monitor map below). The lack of rainfall last fall depressed natural groundwater recharge and increases the probability of low water levels, and possible water use restrictions, in 2025.

Although there is no outside water use during the winter, mandatory water use restrictions are currently in place for the Sun Valley neighborhood (Campton Street, Thornton Street, Plymouth Street, Ocean Drive and Woodstock Street). During the Hampton Bridge project, the neighborhood is supplied from the Seabrook Water Department and is subject to any water use restrictions in place in Seabrook. Specifically prohibited is the filling of swimming or wading pools, non-commercial washing of cars, watering of lawns, trees, shrubbery, or gardens (see following exceptions) and use of irrigation systems. Vegetable gardens may be irrigated between the-hours of 7:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Hand watering only is allowed during other times.

There are no water use restrictions currently in place for the rest of Aquarion’s system. However, customers are encouraged to prepare 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.

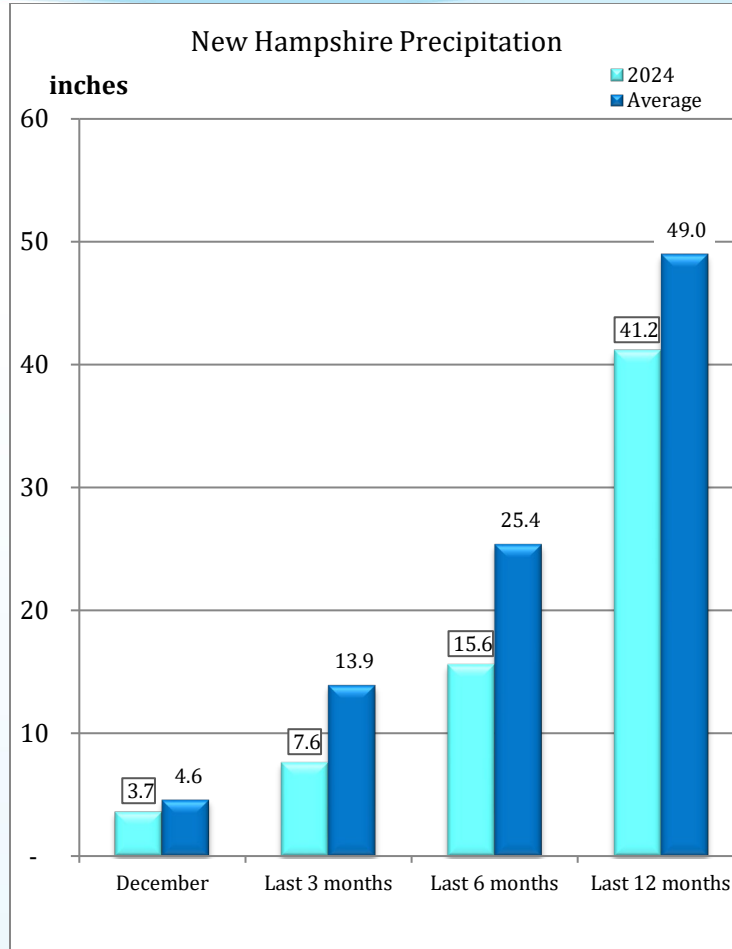
Follow the twice-weekly sprinkler irrigation schedule so no adjustments are needed if/when water use restrictions again become necessary.

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.

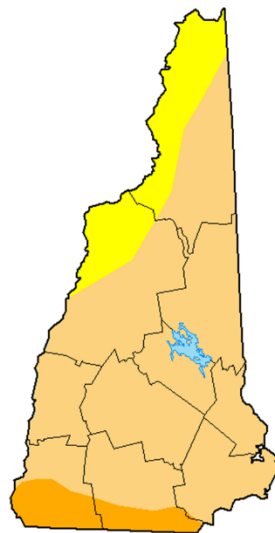


Twice-Weekly Sprinkler Irrigation Schedule	
Last Digit of Your Address Number	Please Water Only On:
0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers)	Sunday & Wednesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight
1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturday & Tuesday 12:01 am – 10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight
No address number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



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New Hampshire

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Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad conditions. Local conditions may vary. Information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About>

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