

Water Supply Update

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

Weather Trends/Outlook

Precipitation in May was wetter than normal; 5.2 inches compared to 3.9 inches on average. Precipitation has been less than average for the past year yet wetter conditions since the start of the year have moved the seacoast out of any drought conditions (see the U.S. Drought Monitor map below).

Sun Valley neighborhood. 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. At this time, there are no mandatory water use restrictions in effect yet residents are encouraged to follow the Best Practices for Lawn Watering described below. This both reduce the expense of water purchased from Seabrook and lowers the probability of restrictions later this summer.

There are currently no water use restrictions currently in place for Aquarion’s system yet residents are are encouraged to also 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.

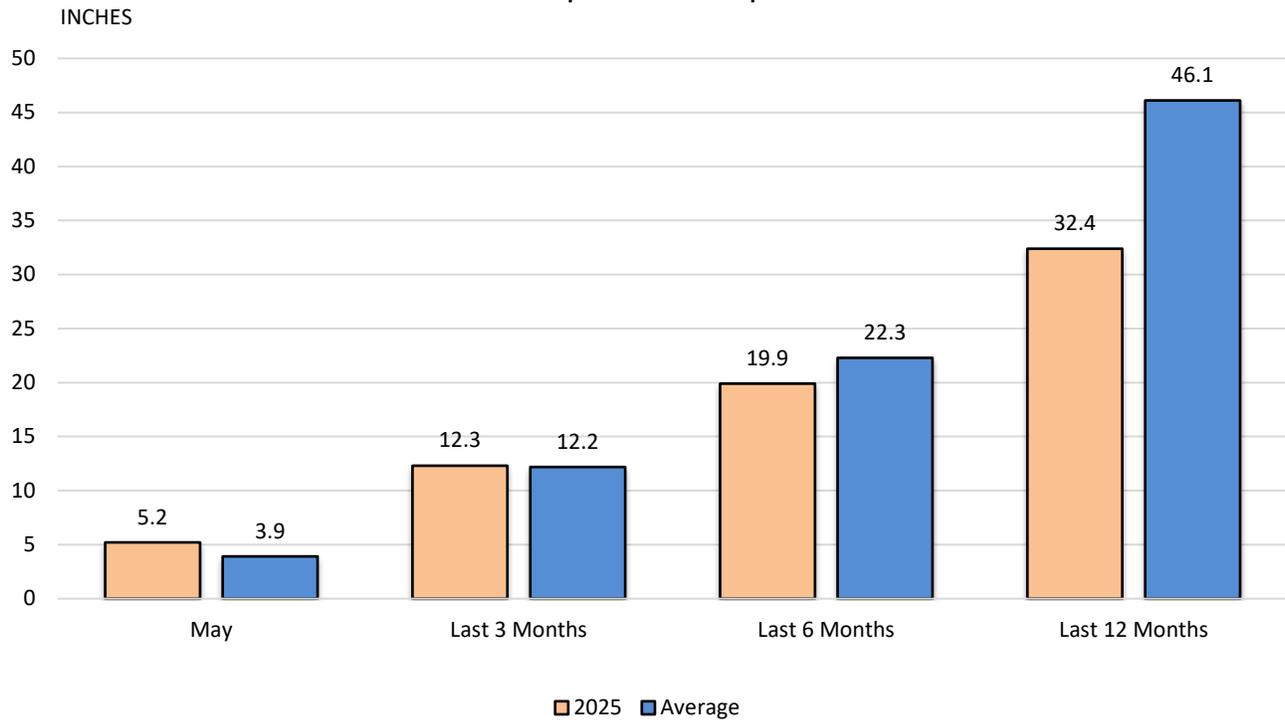
See best practices below:

- 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

New Hampshire Precipitation



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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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