

# CENTERVILLE OSTERVILLE MARSTONS MILLS WATER DEPARTMENT

**RESTRICTIONS AUGUST 13, 2025**

*Seasonal effort will help conserve municipal resources*

The District requests that residents and businesses adhere to the following guidelines and avoid nonessential watering activities particularly from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Centerville Osterville Marstons Mills Water Department is implementing restrictions on daytime water use to help conserve municipal resources during drought conditions throughout the Northeast.

A consensus of long-term weather forecasts points to continued drought. Centerville Osterville Marstons Mills Water Department is implementing seasonal restrictions on nonessential outdoor water use by residents and businesses. These restrictions will take place immediately and will continue until changed.

Nonessential watering activities include:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks

Exemptions from the restrictions include:

- Irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and plants with a hand-held hose
- Businesses that require water use as a core function of the business

Reserving nonessential water use, such as watering lawns and gardens, to morning and evening hours increases the efficiency of the water use. Watering lawns and gardens during the heat of day is inefficient, as water is more prone to evaporation rather than soaking into soil and lawns. Watering by hand also increases efficiency, as people are more mindful of water usage than they are when using automatic sprinklers.

These are initial measures to help conserve municipal resources. The District will continue to monitor drought conditions and will adjust the restrictions if necessary.

All water users should limit their nonessential water use throughout the year by implementing practices such as capturing rain in rain barrels, hand-watering, using car washes that recycle water, and installing low-flow water fixtures in their homes.

Southeastern Massachusetts is now at a Level 2 – Significant Drought status as of August 8, 2025.

The Centerville Osterville Marstons Mills Water Department asks that you take the necessary steps to comply with these seasonal restrictions. Questions can be addressed by calling C.O.MM Water department at 508-428-6691.