

**ASHBURNHAM'S WATER BAN
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2014 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2014
NONESSENTIAL OUTSIDE WATER USAGE CAN ONLY OCCUR 2
DAYS PER WEEK PER HOUSEHOLD AND BEFORE 9AM AND
AFTER 5PM ONLY**

**ALL HOMES NORTH OF THE TOWN CENTER ARE ALLOWED TO
WATER ON MONDAY & THURSDAY ONLY**

**ALL HOMES SOUTH OF THE TOWN CENTER ARE ALLOWED TO
WATER ON TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS ONLY**

*Exception: Handheld hose watering of gardens or flowers is allowed
before 9 am and after 5pm Daily*

VIOLATORS OF SAID BAN ARE SUBJECT TO FINES

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Appendix C – Nonessential Outside Water Use

I. Nonessential Outdoor Water use

As stated in Special Condition 7, in Water Management Act permits, “nonessential outdoor water use” includes uses that are not required:

- a. for health or safety reasons
- b. by regulation;
- c. for the production of food or fiber;
- d. for maintenance of livestock; or
- e. to meet the core functions of a business

Examples of **nonessential** outdoor water uses include:

- irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems,
- washing of vehicles other than by means of commercial car wash except as necessary for operator safety,
- washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways, except to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

Examples of **acceptable** outdoor water uses include:

- irrigation to establish a new lawn during the months of May and September;
- irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers, and ornamental plants via hand held hoses only; and
- irrigation of public parks and recreational fields before 9am and after 5pm