

**Town of  
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To: The Town of Antrim and Bennington Water users

The U.S. Drought Monitor and the Water Division of the N.H. Department of Environmental Services report that New Hampshire is experiencing drought conditions. The entire State of NH is reporting 50-75% less than normal precipitation for the year. Significantly less than average snow pack this winter left streams very low. Water usage is also up with people staying home due to Covid 19. The forecast for NH shows very little precipitation in the near future.

Average water usage per day is very similar in both Antrim and Bennington. We average 50 to 60,000 gallons per day in the winter and 70 to 80,000 gallons per day with some days peaking over 100,000 gallons in the summer. Because both town wells are close to one another and they are connected to each other as back-up water supplies, the commissioners of both towns have decided to issue this notification jointly.

At this time the **Antrim and Bennington Water Commissioners are recommending Voluntary water conservation measures.** At this time, we are requesting you to refrain voluntarily from landscape watering and to limit the amount of water used outdoors for other purposes. Some ways to conserve indoors are: taking shorter showers, turning off water when washing dishes and brushing teeth, and washing fewer loads of laundry. Other water conservation measures include repairing leaking faucets and running toilets which can save hundreds of gallons of water per day. For current drought information and water efficiency fact sheets including efficiency tips, go to the Drought Management webpage at [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov).

It is the hope that through voluntary participation in water saving measures the daily usage will go down to conserve water levels. If this action does not result in lower usage or the drought conditions persist, the Commissioners may be forced to implement mandatory water use restrictions per RSA41:11-d

Thank you for your cooperation.

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