

## **WATER USE RESTRICTIONS**

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, through WATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT #9P-2-08-097.01, implemented a seasonal restriction on nonessential outdoor water use effective July 22, 2011 for the City of Fitchburg. The restriction is based on the summer time flow of the North Nashua River as measured at USGS flow gage # 0109440 located at Fitchburg, MA.

### **TERMS OF THE RESTRICTION**

**No nonessential outdoor water use shall occur between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm.**

Nonessential water use is defined as follows:

- 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, and driveways.

This restriction will remain in effect until such time as the flow in the North Nashua River meets or exceeds 24 cubic feet per second for a period of seven (7) consecutive days or September 30<sup>th</sup>, whichever occurs first. The restrictions imposed by this order are related to stream flows that have been determined to protect aquatic habitat. They are not, at this time, related to reservoir levels or the ability to provide adequate water to City of Fitchburg Water Division Customers.

### **VIOLATIONS OF THE RESTRICTION**

Per City of Fitchburg Code chapter 177 section 28: Any person found in violation of this restriction shall be fined in accordance with the following schedule:

- First offense \$150
- Second offense \$200
- Third and subsequent offenses \$300

Questions regarding this notice and restriction should be directed to the City of Fitchburg Water Division at 978-345-9616