

# TOWN OF IPSWICH UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



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**TO:** WATER COMMISSIONERS  
**FROM:** VICKI HALMEN  
**SUBJECT:** DROUGHT EMERGENCY  
**DATE:** 8/22/2016  
**CC:** TOWN MANAGER, MEDIA OUTLETS

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Due to the shortage of rainfall and continued high water demand, the Water Department is declaring a Drought Emergency. This Drought Emergency is being imposed in accordance with the Town of Ipswich Drought Management Plan and is effective immediately.

During a declared Drought Emergency **all** outside use of water continues to be prohibited and all residents are to limit non-essential indoor water use. The Drought Emergency shall remain in effect until further notice. Questions may be directed to the Water Department at 978-356-6635.

The Water Department is working with MassDEP on options to augment our supply. It is imperative that water demand drop to winter levels immediately to ensure the Water Department can continue to meet basic domestic and firefighting needs. We would like to thank those customers who are conserving for their cooperation during this drought condition.