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MANDATORY ODD/EVEN WATER BAN

The Department of Public Works Board at their meeting of March 7, 2017 voted and passed a mandatory odd/even water ban. Effective April 1, 2017 all use of automatic irrigation systems and any type of lawn sprinkler shall comply with the odd/even water system. Properties with even numbered street addresses will be allowed to use irrigation systems and sprinklers on even calendar days and properties with odd numbered street addresses will be allowed to use irrigation systems and sprinklers on odd calendar days. The use of sprinklers, automatic or other is prohibited between the hours of 9am -5pm on **ALL** days. Handheld watering of vegetable and flower gardens with the use of a hose is unrestricted and may be performed on any day or time.

This policy **IS MANDATORY** and shall remain in effect until further notification. Violators of this policy are subject to fines or other enforcement action, as determined by the DPW Board/Water Commissioners.

While this action may initially be sufficient to address the increased demand, more drastic measures and stringent restrictions could be forthcoming. This is a proactive approach by the DPW Board/Water Commissioners with regards to future possible withdrawal limits as they are issued by the DEP.

For more information regarding the **MANDATORY WATER BAN** already in effect please visit the Town website www.sterling-ma.gov for more information. We regret any inconvenience that this action may cause and thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Any questions regarding this policy can be answered by contacting the DPW at 978-422-6767.