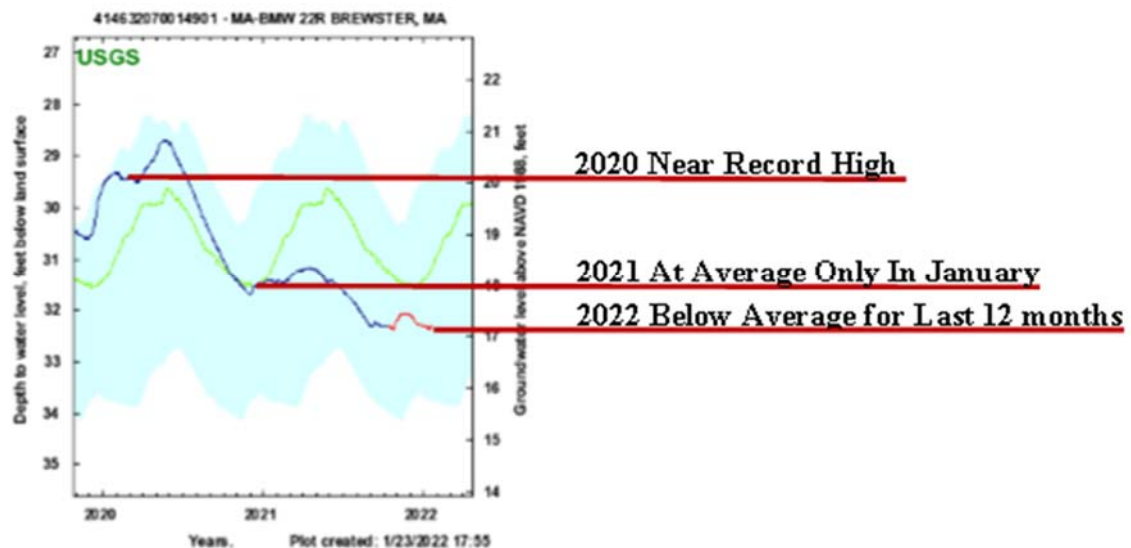


Why Water Restrictions are Important and Necessary

Precipitation is Critical

The Cape's groundwater levels are entirely dependent on rainfall and snow. Normal precipitation is 52" per year. When it does rain or snow that "recharge" only happens during the fall, winter and spring. This past year's precipitation was about average, but it was not enough to bring water levels to a level which would support the demands normally incurred during the late spring through early fall.

The diagram below demonstrates the groundwater levels observed in the USGS monitoring well in Brewster. The levels are significantly below average and that water use restrictions will be necessary to ensure that an adequate water supply will be available during the high demands of the summer season.



What is Meant by Watering Restrictions

"Landscape Irrigation" means the outside watering of plants in a landscape such as shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, ground covers, plants, vines and other such flora that are situated in such diverse locations as residential areas, public, commercial and industrial establishments and public medians and right-of-way. This includes automatic irrigation systems as well as hand watering.

Basic Rules

Wasteful and Unnecessary Use of Water Is Prohibited

- Allowing water to flow from an unattended hose
- Hosing down a driveway or solid surface or structure when a dry method could be used (broom)
- Allowing water to flow from a broken sprinkler head, outdoor faucet, malfunctioning plumbing or irrigation system after receiving verbal or written notice is a violation and subject to fines

Gardens

- The 2022 Water Restrictions does not apply to vegetable gardens for human consumption

New Lawns and Plants - Establishment Period

- New lawns and plants have a 60-day total establishment period
- From day 1 thru 30, new plant material may be watered any day of the week
- From day 31 thru 60, new plant material may be watered *3 days per-week* in accordance with the following:

Even addresses only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday
Odd addresses only on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday

- Isolated to new lawn or plant areas only
- Establishment period begins on the day of installation or the first day of watering
- Property owners or managers shall call the District at 508-398-3351 to report new installations and, upon request, provide proof of installation date for the Establishment period authorization and avoid violations

Chemical Applications

- Irrigation to water-in necessary lawn chemicals is not restricted when required by the manufacturer or when required by law
- Property owners or managers shall call the District at 508-398-3351 prior to, or immediately following, the application of chemicals and shall, upon request, provide proof of the application date to avoid violations