

# “State of Water Conservation”

## Mandatory Odd/Even Outdoor Watering Schedule

### Groundwater Condition Table

	Normal	"No Actions Needed"
	Advisory	"Voluntary Restrictions"
	Watch	"Mandatory Odd/Even Restrictions"
	Warning	"Mandatory 2 days a week watering"

## “Mandatory Condition”

Effective May 1, 2021, the Board of Water Commissioners declared a State of Water Conservation in Dennis and implemented Mandatory Odd/Even water days due to low groundwater levels. Low groundwater levels trigger the District’s *Drought Management Plan*. Simply stated, if your house number is an even number water on even days of the month and odd days if your house number is odd.

Normal groundwater conditions, which has been consistent for the past few years, needs no actions from the public. However, over the past several months there has been below average precipitation. Groundwater levels, which normally rise during the winter and spring months, are now below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile. These conditions are monitored by the District year-round and have now fallen to a level that has triggered a change in our Drought Management Plan status from “*Normal*” to “*Watch*”.

The change in status means that customers should be alerted to these environmental conditions and reminded that our water supply, while abundant, does need to be managed. The largest non-essential water use, by far, is outdoor watering and it has the most significant impact on our supply. Your help under this *Mandatory Action* will be vitally important in heading off potential emergency restrictions.

The District’s Drought Management Plan, while still in draft-form at this time, can be viewed on the District’s website in the *Reports & Publications* section under *Resources* or by *Clicking Here*.

The District monitors the groundwater level by observing conditions recorded at a wellsite operated by the United States Geological Survey in Brewster. You can see observe the conditions at the well’s website location by clicking on the following link: *USGS Brewster Well*.