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EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Pennichuck Water Works implements Odd/Even Outdoor Watering Restriction due to Regional Drought Conditions

(Nashua, Merrimack, Amherst and Hollis, NH) –Effective immediately and until further notice Pennichuck Water Works (PWW) is implementing mandatory odd/even outside water usage restrictions for all of its customers in Nashua, Merrimack, Amherst and Hollis, effective immediately and until further notice.

Please note that, with this notice, your water system is on an ODD/EVEN day lawn watering program. Although we are restricting irrigation and lawn sprinkler usage to every other day, hand-held hoses and watering cans will be permitted for use in your vegetable and flower gardens on any day. Non-essential water use, such as lawn sprinkling, will be restricted to odd or even days, depending on your house number.

If your address is an Even #, you'll be able to water on Even # Days
If your address is an Odd #, you'll be able to water on Odd # Days

Please be advised that the **ODD/EVEN PROGRAM** will be enforced and will remain in effect until further notice. First time violators will receive a written warning for non-compliance and further instances will result in disconnection and a fee for reconnection. The Company will only reconnect until 7:00 PM on the day of disconnect. Customers that call to be reconnected after 7:00 PM will be reconnected after 7:30 AM the next day. For more information please visit our website at www.pennichuck.com or call Customer Service at 603-882-5191 or 800-553-5191. Thank you for your cooperation.

The southern New Hampshire Region is currently experiencing moderate drought conditions. If current weather conditions do not change the Regions drought conditions will become severe. Water flows in PWW's sources of supply, Pennichuck Brook and the Merrimack River are very low. Due to the ongoing drought conditions, these low flow conditions are not expected to change in the coming weeks. The implementation of odd/even outside watering restrictions is necessary to preserve PWW's water supply to ensure there will be an



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adequate water supply during the remainder of the summer and into the fall to meet all essential consumptive water usage needs.

From early June to the present, outdoor water usage has accounted for over 60% of PWW's daily water usage demands. Lawn irrigation is a large part of this outside water usage. However, indoor usage can also be reduced by as much as 20% by turning off faucets while washing dishes and hands, only washing full loads of laundry and taking shorter showers. Additional water can be conserved by replacing old showerheads, faucets, toilets and washing machines with EPA WaterSense and Energy Star ® certified products. For additional drought information and water efficiency fact sheets go to www.des.nh.gov and click on the "A-Z" list, and scroll down to the Drought Management Program.

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