

PRESS RELEASE

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CUMBERLAND WATER DEPARTMENT

The Town of Cumberland Water Department has instituted an odd/ even water ban to take effect on Tuesday June 16, 2009 and remain in effect until Tuesday Oct 20, 2009.

The water ban serves two purposes: conservation of natural resources and improvements to the water quality within the service area (North of Marshall Ave in Cumberland).

The primary purpose of the ban is to limit the maximum flow through water pipes that serve the customers of the Cumberland Water Department. The faster water flows through the pipes the more likely it is that sediment and rust deposits in the system will be dislodged and the more likely it is that customers

will experience discolored water. Limiting outside water use on an odd even basis will reduce the flow rate in the pipes.

The odd/ even water ban works as follows; all residents whose street addresses are odd numbers such as 1111 Mendon Rd. are permitted to water lawns and gardens, wash cars and top off swimming pools and kiddie pools on the odd number days such as June 17, 19, 21st etc. Those with even numbered street addresses may use water for outdoor purposes on even numbered days.

According to the Rhode Island Water Resources Board lawns need only be watered with one inch of water per week. Daily watering may result in grass with shallow root systems with minimal drought tolerance. Residents are also encouraged to install rainfall monitors on their lawn sprinkler systems to prevent sprinkler activation on rainy days.

Any questions regarding the water ban may be directed to the Cumberland Water Department at 401-658-0666.