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Mandatory Water Restrictions

(BRISTOL, CT) – The Mayor's Office and the Bristol Water and Sewer Department announced today that the City's reservoirs have declined to below 60 percent capacity from the lack of rain. Due to this, the Water Department has issued Mandatory Odd / Even Water Restrictions effective immediately.

The City is now requiring all customers to limit the amount of outside water use and requiring the public to adhere to the Department's policy on Odd / Even watering days. Odd / Even watering allows for properties with an even street number to water on even days of the month and the same for properties with odd street numbers to water on odd days of the month. The Odd / Even watering system also applies to washing cars, watering flowers and any other non-essential outside uses.

"We issued Voluntary Restrictions in August, hoping that we would see some rainfall in early September, but unfortunately we have not received enough rain to avoid having to issue the Mandatory Restrictions," stated Robert Longo, Superintendent. Under the Bristol Water and Sewer Department's Rules and Regulations, the Department may discontinue service if the Department deems that a customer is jeopardizing the safety and integrity of the water supply.

Anyone with questions on the restrictions or the City's water supply can contact the Bristol Water and Sewer Department at 860-582-7431. Information on the Mandatory Restrictions along with other ways to conserve water can also be found on the Bristol Water and Sewer Department website at www.bristolwaterdept.org or on the Bristol Water and Sewer Department and Mayor's Office Facebook pages.

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