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**Manchester Water Work Requests Voluntary Conservation of
Outdoor Water Use amid Extreme Regional Drought Conditions**

(Manchester, NH) - Due to the extended dry conditions brought on by the lack of precipitation, Manchester Water Works (MWW) is requesting customers to voluntarily restrict the use of water outdoors. We also ask that customers exercise water conservation measures indoors. This past summer and into the fall, the majority of southern New Hampshire including Manchester, has experienced extreme drought conditions which have not been experienced in nearly 50 years.

Despite the recent rain, Lake Massabesic (MWW water supply) both surface water and groundwater levels are well below normal, with conditions not anticipated to change throughout the fall months. Therefore, MWW requests the cooperation of our customers to help protect our water supply now and throughout the winter season.

Outdoor water use, primarily for lawn watering and car washing, is one of the largest consumptive uses of water. Therefore, reducing outdoor use is a very effective means of conserving water. There are also many ways to use water more efficiently indoors with little effort that will not only save you water, but energy costs and money. Indoor use can be cut by TWENTY PERCENT (20%) or more by turning off faucets while washing dishes and hands, only washing full loads of laundry, and taking shorter showers, as well as by replacing old showerheads, toilets, sink aerators, and washing machines with EPA WaterSense and Energy Star® certified products. Also, repairing running toilets can save hundreds of gallons a day. For current drought information and water efficiency fact sheets including efficiency tips, go to www.des.nh.gov, click on the "A-Z" list, and scroll



down to the Drought Management Program or call Manchester Water Works at 603-624-6494. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

WATER CONSERVATION REQUEST DOES NOT APPLY TO THOSE WHO RELY ON WATER FOR HEALTH AND EMERGENCY PURPOSES.

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Manchester Water Works runs the state's largest water supply system serving Manchester and surrounding communities comprising a population of approximately 160,000. Recently recognized as "Utility of the Year" by New England Water Works Association, the Manchester Water Works has become just the eleventh utility in the nation to receive the prestigious "Excellence in Water Treatment" award. For more information about Manchester Water Works go to www.Manchesternh.gov/water.