



## Town of Greenwich

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# Press Release

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First Selectman

## Tesei Urges Continued Water Conservation

Despite several storm events in the past weeks, reservoir levels for Aquarion Water Company's Greenwich System remain just below 27% keeping the Town of Greenwich and several other surrounding towns under a Drought Advisory. Typically, water levels are at 70% and town officials are keeping a watchful eye the situation. "I am requesting that all Greenwich residents and businesses follow good water conservation practices," stated newly elected First Selectman, Peter Tesei following a meeting of the Town's water supply team. "One of the most important thing folks can do this time of year is to check for leaks and have them fixed."

According to the Drought Response Plan adopted in 1995, once reservoirs levels fall to 25%, a Drought Watch will be issued and all of the towns serviced will put in place mandatory restrictions. Along with Greenwich, this includes the Town and City of Rye and the villages of Rye Brook and Port Chester. Representatives from the towns and the water company will continue to meet every two weeks until the drought advisory is lifted.

"In Greenwich, we have residents served by both public water and private wells," reminds Denise Savageau, Conservation Director. "Our water supply team keeps an eye on both sources. Some streams in our area, particularly to the north, are running below average for this time of year. We are advising residents on wells to practice water conservation along with their friend who are on public supply."

Besides watching reservoir and stream flow levels, officials are also closely following weather predictions not only for precipitation but also for cold weather and the possibility of ice conditions on the reservoirs. “We are expecting a week of cold weather with some minor storm events” Dan Warzoha informed the team. “The long term forecast after that is for milder temperatures. At this time, no major precipitation event is predicted.” Savageau indicated that it would take about 6 to 7 inches of rain to fill up the reservoirs. “We don’t want to get that all at once, but we really do need several storm events with more than an inch of rain to get us back on track.”

According to Fire Chief Siecienski, most of our dry hydrants are in good shape at this time. “We have a few dry hydrants where water levels have dropped, but several new sources have been developed over the past year and these are in good shape so far. We constantly monitor these and other supplies in the back country.”

Tesei has directed the water supply team to step up the public relations effort by contacting the Chamber of Commerce and getting notices out to parents through the schools. “It is important that everyone be part this effort. This is the time where conservation can really help.” Residents can find our more information about the Towns water supply on the website, [www.greenwichct.org](http://www.greenwichct.org).

In addition to Savageau, the Greenwich water supply team includes Fire Chief Peter Siecienski, Director of Health Caroline Baisley, Emergency Management Director Dan Warzoha, Town Manager John Crary, and the First Selectman.

Everyone can practice water conservation measures in their homes, at school, and at work. Here are some simple tips to follow:

- **Do** flush toilets only when necessary
- **Don’t** use the toilet as a wastebasket
- **Do** take shorter showers, fill bathtubs only half-way
- **Don’t** let the water run while brushing teeth, shaving, or washing your hands

- **Do** keep a bottle or pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator
- **Do** wash only full loads in the washing machine or dishwasher
- **Do** check for water leaks, especially in the bathroom and have them fixed
- **Do** consider low flow toilets and showerheads
- **Don't** use the hose to wash the driveway, sidewalks or car, use a bucket instead

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