

## **F. Conservation**

1. When implemented, the PIWD Water Shortage Regulations shall remain in effect until further notice. As described below, each Stage is progressively restricted and implemented to help insure adequate water reserves for the island. Stage 1 shall be implemented each year to raise awareness of Prudence Island's limited water resource. Stages 2, 3 and 4 shall be implemented only in more severe circumstances.

***Notification to customers of the implementation of All stages of restriction will be posted in at least two public places within the geographic boundaries of the PIWD and on the PIWD web site ([www.pih2o.org](http://www.pih2o.org)).***

***Notification to customers of the implementation of Stage 3, or 4 will be posted and published in the Sakonnet Times, (at the next available publishing date.).***

2. ***The following Stages and conservation measures shall be implemented at the discretion of the Operations Manager and/or the Board.***

- a. Stage I - Public Awareness: This Stage shall be implemented by the Board annually as an educational tool to remind customers of the limited water resource and methods to conserve water.

- b. Stage 2 – Conservation: This Stage restricts the watering of lawns, landscaping, shrubs, trees, flower gardens, use of power washers, and washing of vehicles/boats to Tuesday through Thursday only. All hoses must be equipped with an automatic shutoff device.***

***Vegatable gardens may be watered any day of the week, and can use sprinklers ONLY IF ATTENDED***

***The use of an ELECTRONIC or MECHANICAL TIMER is PROHIBITED***

***Watering hours are early morning (before 9 a.m.) or***

***late evening (after 6 p.m.) only.***

Filling of ponds, pools, hot tubs etc. (less than 300 gallons) restricted to early morning (before 9 a.m.) or late evening (after 7 p.m.) by permit issued by the PIWD only. Ponds, pools, hot tubs etc. greater than 300 gallons will require tanker truck filling.

c. Stage 3 – Conservation: Watering of lawns, landscaping, shrubs, trees, gardens, use of power washers and washing of vehicles/boats is prohibited. A special permit may be issued by the PIWD to allow for watering of newly planted lawns and shrubs or trees for a limited time.

Vegetable gardens may be watered Tuesday through Thursday only.

Watering hours are early morning (before 9 a.m.) or late evening (after **6** p.m.) only. A limited number of special permits may be issued for weekend vegetable garden watering on a case by case basis, by the PIWD Operations Manager or the Board. Watering hours are early morning (before 9 a.m.) or late evening (after 7 p.m.) only. Permitted watering shall be by hand held hose or container only. All hoses must be equipped with an automatic shutoff device.

***The use of subsurface, soaker hose or sprinkler is***

***PROHIBITED***

***The use of an ELECTRONIC or MECHANICAL TIMER is***

***PROHIBITED***

Filling of ponds, pools, hot tubs and similar equipment shall not be permitted under any circumstances.

d. Stage 4 - Severe Conservation: Watering of lawns, landscaping, shrubs or trees, gardens (including vegetable gardens) and vehicles/**boats** prohibited. Filling of ponds, pools, hot tubs and similar equipment shall not be permitted under any circumstances.

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Prudence Island Water District List of Rates and Charges

Water service rates \$500.00

Late payment fee \$5.00/month

Return Check Fee \$15.00

Water shutoff/reinstatement fee \$50.00

summer/winter shutoff/reactivation fee \$25.00

***Scheduled summer/winter shutoff/reactivation- No Charge***

***Scheduled shutoff/reactivation for working on line or near line- No Charge***

Water Dumping penalty \$100.00

Water conservation fines

Failure to comply with Stage 2 or 3 restrictions shall be as follows:

Second Offense: \$50.00 fine

Third Offense: \$150.00 fine

Fourth Offense \$250.00 fine

Failure to comply with stage 4 restrictions \$250.00

Fines for Filling of Pools, Ponds, Hot tubs etc.

- a. Stage 2 noncompliance: \$100.00 fine plus \$1.00 per gallon
- b. Stage 3 noncompliance: \$250.00 fine plus \$1.00 per gallon
- c. Stage 4 noncompliance: \$500.00 fine plus \$1.00 per gallon