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## PRESS RELEASE

New Hampshire might have had a wet winter, but experts predict that it's likely that drought conditions will develop over the summer. Environmental officials are urging residents to conserve water now to buffer the effects of a likely drought in the near future. Much of the state was in drought in 2016, when New Hampshire experienced the driest summer in 80 years on the heels of a very dry winter.

Rainfall for most of the state has been 50 percent of normal for the past 60 days, officials said. As the state enters the heaviest water use season of the year, a report from the Climate Prediction Center said that a drought is likely.

The Department of Environmental Services is contacting all 700 community water systems, from condominium associations to large cities, and urging them to recommend limiting outdoor water use, including restrictions on power-washing, washing off cars and watering lawns, if possible. Any other watering should be scheduled between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m. Private well owners are also being urged to conserve. Officials suggest that everyone should be thinking about conservation year-round.

The Town of Pelham appreciates your effort and cooperation with this water conservation recommendation in an effort to sustain our drinking water supply during these dry conditions.

Please follow Town announcements closely over the coming months for further guidance.

Brian McCarthy/Town Administrator