

APPENDIX A:
WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS

This appendix outlines detailed procedures for handling emergencies related to the water supply system, ensuring public health and safety are maintained.

1. Detection of an Emergency: All personnel must report any potential emergency immediately to the Water Operator and Town Administrator.

2. Notification: The Chair of the Selectboard and other authorized personnel shall be notified without delay by the Town Administrator.

3. Response Protocols:

a. Contamination: Immediate suspension of water supply and public notification with clear instructions on precautions.

b. Leak: Engage Water Operator to troubleshoot service and notify affected users.

c. Infrastructure Failure: Engage emergency contractors to restore service and notify affected users.

4. Authority:

a. The Town Administrator, or his or her authorized designee, is empowered to suspend or implement those provisions of the Ordinance that are necessary to preserve the health and welfare of the persons within the Water Service Area.

b. The Town Administrator, or his or her authorized designee, shall be empowered to utilize any Town equipment or Town personnel she/he deems necessary to accomplish coping with the emergency.

c. Within 24 hours following a water supply emergency, the Water Commissioner may duly warn a special meeting to formally adopt any applicable rules and regulations as they pertain to the specific emergency. Such rules shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Water Commissioners, shall be recorded in the minutes, posted in five (5) locations within the Town and shall become effective immediately upon adoption. Such rules may remain in effect for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or until such time as the emergency is over.

5. Communication: Regular updates will be issued to the public via the Town website, social media, and local radio by the Town Administrator.