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**Disengagement from Water Supply Alert - Press Release**

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The Town of Wallingford Department of Public Utilities announced today that it is issuing a disengagement from the **Water Supply Alert** declared on December 5, 2016. The disengagement from the declaration of a Water Supply Alert is being disseminated at this time since the average reservoir storage has been greater than 80.0% of the historical average for a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days, as established in written Wallingford Water Division protocols.

A Water Supply Alert precedes the four-step Staged Drought Response Plan, which is defined in the Town's Emergency Contingency Plan. The Plan requires the issuance of an Alert when either reservoir storage or the 3-month rainfall average drops below the historical average by a defined amount, which occurred on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Though the Water Supply Alert is no longer active, the Wallingford Water Division reminds customers to be mindful of their water use, voluntarily conserve water whenever possible and limit unnecessary water use in order to help ensure an adequate supply to meet essential needs.

Wallingford Water Division customers can conserve water by taking shorter showers, running dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads, and shutting off the water while brushing teeth, shaving, and washing hands. The Water Division also recommends that home and business owners repair any leaky plumbing fixtures, particularly toilets, and replace fixtures with low flow devices.

Taking steps now to be water-conscious and to avoid wasteful use of water will help in the event that the below average precipitation continues this spring and summer. The Water Division appreciates its customers' ongoing efforts to conserve water.

Anyone with questions concerning the Water Supply Alert can contact the Wallingford Water Division at 203-949-2666.