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Water Supply Survey

The Old Colony Planning Council is surveying local households to help inform the development of a Regional Water Plan (<https://oldcolonyplanning.org/waterplan/>). This plan will help ensure affordable, safe, abundant, and ecologically sustainable water now and into the future. They would appreciate your input. **It takes just ten minutes to complete this anonymous survey.**

SURVEY LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/waterplan>



What do you think about?

- ✓ Drinking water quality
- ✓ Environmental protection
- ✓ Affordability & reliability

Your input will help guide development of the region's first plan for resilient water supply.

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Supporting the communities of Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, and Whitman



Acorns- a Wildlife Buffet

Fall is acorn time in southeast Massachusetts. They are an essential food source for many animals including deer, squirrels and birds. Oak trees have an irregular cycle when it comes to producing acorns. Mast years (considered a boom year of acorn production) happen every 2 to 3 years with the production of smaller acorns. Autumn is the typical period when we start seeing endless amounts of acorns falling to the ground. While this is not a mast year it's fun to see the varieties of white, black, and scarlet oak acorns falling in our woods. [Learn more here.](#)

Drought or Just Dry Weather?

Our woods are really dry right now. Have you noticed? While Plymouth is not officially in a drought, according to the experts we are currently in what is called an "abnormally dry zone". Details here. <https://www.drought.gov/states/massachusetts/county/plymouth>

There have been at least 106 brush and wildland fires across our state in the past three weeks, burning over 600 acres. Some of these are still burning!

How to prevent brush fires:

As fires continue to burn, the [Department of Fire Services](#) is asking people to take precautions. Here are their tips for preventing fires:

- Do not burn leaves. (Open burning is prohibited through January)
- Refrain from outdoor cooking and heating.
- Use caution with lawnmowers, leaf blowers and other power equipment as engines can get hot enough to ignite dry leaves.
- Dump ashes from fireplaces and wood stoves in a metal can, douse them with water, and cover them with a tight-fitting lid.
- Extinguish smoking materials in an ashtray with water or sand.

Take EXTREME care with any outdoor fire pits and continue to follow protocols as outlined in our neighborhood [Firewise program](#).

HOME IGNITION ZONE CHECKLIST

SIMPLE STEPS FROM ROOF TO FOUNDATION TO MAKE A HOME SAFER FROM EMBERS AND RADIANT HEAT

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers
- Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration
- Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installing 1/8 inch metal mesh screening
- Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening to reduce embers
- Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating

- ❑ Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors - mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles - anything that can burn

- ❑ Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches

VISIT [FIREWISE.ORG](https://www.firewise.org) FOR MORE DETAILS

Image by NFPA, with funding from USDA Forest Service

On to brighter news, Northern Lights seen around the Six Ponds:



Northern Lights over Long Pond. Photo by Chris Jacobs, Executive Director, Pinewoods Camp, Weekend of October 10th.



Northern Lights over Bloody Pond. Photo by Sue Morrison, weekend of October 10th.

Join us for Six Ponds Monthly Board Meetings!

Six Ponds members are welcome to attend the Six Ponds Executive Committee's monthly meetings. All are held at 4:30 pm (see dates below). Host locations to be announced. If you would like to attend via Zoom, contact [Hampton Watkins](mailto:hampton.watkins@gmail.com) in advance of the date at hampton.watkins@gmail.com. Your participation is welcomed!

Sunday, November 17, 2024

No meeting in December

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Sunday, June 8, 2025

SAVE THE DATE: Spring potluck supper April 6, 2025 at 5:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Membership Meeting and potluck supper June 29, 2025 at 5:00 pm

2024 -2025 Six Ponds Executive Committee

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Round Pond: Nancy Barbour and Larry Rosenblum

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We welcome your feedback and participation. Questions or concerns? Please contact President Hampton Watkins at hampton.watkins@gmail.com



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Thank you for supporting the Six Ponds Improvement Association.
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