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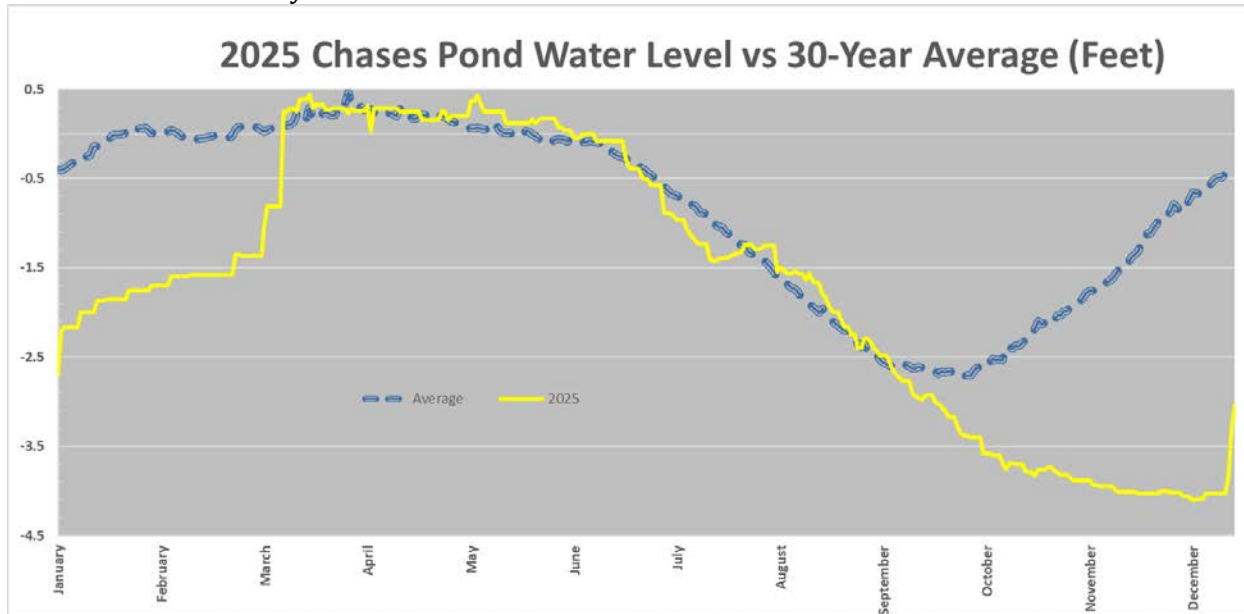
York Water District Voluntary Water Conservation

As we enter 2026, the voluntary water conservation advisory for York Water District Customers remains in effect while Chases Pond recovers from last year's drought. On January 22nd water levels are 24.6 inches below full capacity, compared to the historical January 1st average (since 1992) of 4.8 inches below full. Typically, the pond begins overflowing by mid-January.

The October–April recharge period is critical, as demand triples between May and September. This year's January 1st water level is the second lowest on record, surpassed only by 2002. With our water supply intake depth of just 10 feet, full capacity before peak season is essential to avoid supply challenges.

We continue to pursue proactive measures, including public education, new rate structures, groundwater studies, and conservation programs. Past assistance from Kittery & Kennebunk Water Districts has been very helpful, but future availability is uncertain due to regional demand and infrastructure limitations.

In 2025, the Josiah Chase Water Filtration Plant pumped its second-highest volume on record, following only 2024. Increased demand since COVID and more frequent droughts highlight the need for continued voluntary conservation of non-essential water use.



Recommended Actions:

- Inform family, guests, and staff about conservation efforts.
- Avoid washing vehicles.
- Sweep walkways and driveways instead of using water.
- Install water-saving devices.
- Repair leaks promptly; a leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons daily.
- Consult irrigation professionals about efficient systems and rain sensors before the summer season.

Call to Action

Act now to help preserve our water supply! Share these conservation tips with your family, neighbors, and colleagues. Report any leaks immediately to prevent unnecessary water loss. Together, we can ensure a sustainable water supply for our community.