

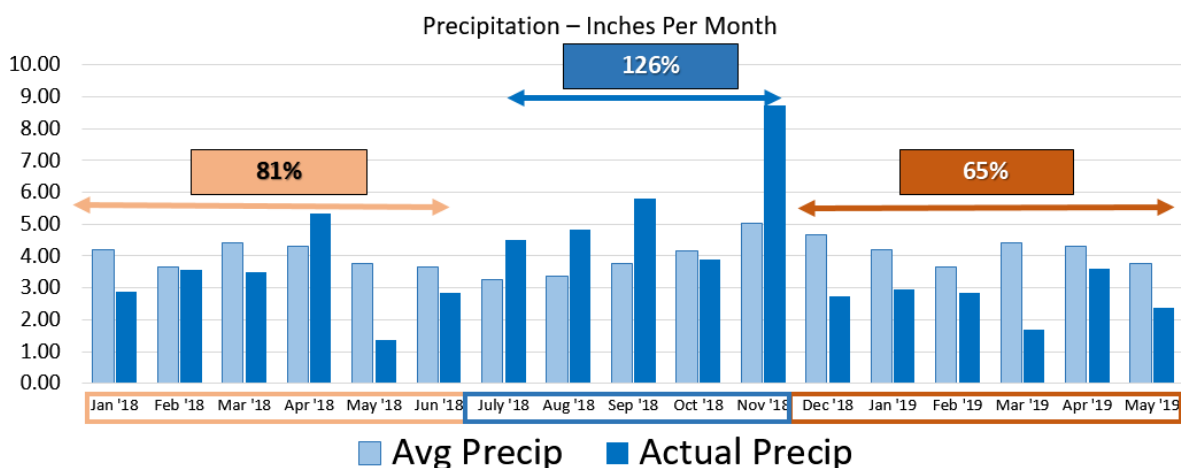


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## Portsmouth Water Supply Status Report

Despite the cool and wet weather pattern we have been experiencing in Southern New Hampshire this area continues to have below normal precipitation. Precipitation since December 2018 is only 65% of normal. However, the cooler weather has resulted in lower than normal irrigation and water demands in our system. Therefore, **there are currently no water restrictions in place**. The following graphic highlights the precipitation for the last fifteen months:

### Precipitation Trend – Last 17 Months



Through vigilant monitoring and operational changes, the Portsmouth water system supplies are in good shape right now. However, if dryer than normal conditions persist, and they are accompanied by higher than normal customer demand, there may be need for additional efficiency measures. Staff will continue to track and assess these conditions and we will provide updates as warranted.

We continue to ask our water customers to please use water wisely, minimize waste, and incorporate water efficient fixtures and appliances whenever possible. The City also continues to offer water efficiency rebates of \$100 per low flow toilet and \$150 for the purchase of a high efficiency washing machine. These are available to all residential customers, including multi-family customers. To date, nearly 1,000 rebates have been issued. Additional information on this program can be obtained from the City's water billing department or from the City's website: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/water-efficiency-rebate-program>

### **Further Updates and Information**

This information will be distributed electronically on the City of Portsmouth's website in the Department of Public Works > Operations > Water section. If anyone needs additional information or has questions contact Al Pratt, Water Supply Operations Manager at 520-0622 or Brian Goetz, Deputy Director of Public Works at 766-1420.