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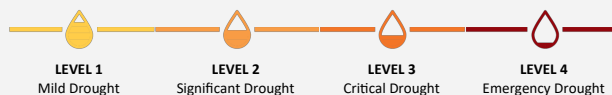
Benn S. Sherman, P.E.
Director

EMERGENCY NOTICE

On August 2, 2022, the Board of Selectmen, acting as Water and Sewer Commissioners, voted to increase the water use restrictions associated with the declaration a state of water supply conservation in accordance with the Town of Uxbridge General Bylaws Section 336, Water Conservation and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Water Management Act (WMA). Effective with the vote and declaration of the Level 3-Critical Drought designation, the Town is implementing Level 3 Restrictions, which call for a ban on **ALL NON-ESSENTIAL OUTDOOR WATER USE**. Below is the drought alert notice released by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and MEMA. The DPW will monitor the conditions and update the public as conditions change. For more information, please contact the DPW Administration Office at 508-278-8616.

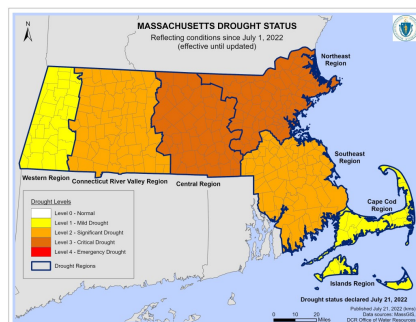
MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT ALERT

July 28, 2022



DROUGHT STATUS

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has declared a **Level 3 – Critical Drought** in the Northeast and Central Regions, a **Level 2 – Significant Drought** in the Connecticut River Valley and Southeast Regions, and a **Level 1 – Mild Drought** in the Western, Cape Cod and Islands Regions.



Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs:
Bethany A. Card

Acting Director of MEMA:
Dawn Brantley



For Information on
Water Conservation
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Private Well owners
click [here!](#)

CURRENT CONDITIONS

With over five months of below normal rainfall, drought has set in all across the state, and intensified in some regions. Streamflow is severely impacted with dry stream beds and ponding; drought-induced fire danger is on the rise, and; drought conditions are starting to impact our farms, with losses in soil moisture, more heavy irrigation needed and initial signs of crop loss.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Residents, Facilities & Businesses:

ALL DROUGHT REGIONS

- Minimize water use
- Run dishwashers & washing machines at full capacity
- Take shorter showers
- Conserve water indoors
- Fix Leaks
- Be careful with outdoor flames

OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

- LEVEL 1: Limit to one-day/week 5:00 pm - 9:00 am
- LEVEL 2: Limit to hand-held 5:00 pm - 9:00 am
- LEVEL 3: Ban on all non-essential outdoor water use

Cities & Towns:

- Limit outdoor watering as per drought level restrictions for your region
- Limit new landscapes and outdoor washing
- Check emergency connections and interconnections with other water suppliers
- Implement drought or seasonal water rates
- Establish water use reduction targets
- Establish a leak detection program
- Develop/refine local drought plan for water supply

Learn more at www.mass.gov/ma-drought-management