

**RECENT DROUGHT HISTORY**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
|                             |                   |                   |                         | Western                  | CT River | Central  | Northeast | Southeast | Cape & Islands |
| <b>12/28/2001 1/31/2003</b> |                   |                   |                         |                          |          |          |           |           |                |
| 2001                        | <b>12/28/2001</b> |                   |                         | Advisory                 | Advisory | Advisory | Advisory  | Advisory  | Advisory       |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | February 2002           | Advisory                 | Watch    | Watch    | Watch     | Advisory  | Advisory       |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | March 2002              | Watch                    | Watch    | Watch    | Watch     | Watch     | Watch          |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | April 2002              | Watch                    | Watch    | Watch    | Watch     | Watch     | Watch          |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | May 2002                | Watch                    | Watch    | Watch    | Watch     | Watch     | Watch          |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | June 2002               | Advisory                 | Advisory | Advisory | Advisory  | Advisory  | Advisory       |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | July 2002               | Advisory                 | Advisory | Advisory | Advisory  | Advisory  | Advisory       |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | August 2002             | Advisory                 | Advisory | Advisory | Advisory  | Watch     | Watch          |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | September 2002          | Advisory                 | Advisory | Advisory | Advisory  | Watch     | Watch          |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | October 2002            | Advisory                 | Advisory | Advisory | Advisory  | Advisory  | Advisory       |
| 2002                        |                   |                   | December 2002           | Normal                   | Normal   | Normal   | Normal    | Normal    | Advisory       |
| 2003                        |                   | <b>1/31/2003</b>  | As of January 31, 2003  | Normal                   | Normal   | Normal   | Normal    | Normal    | Normal         |
| <b>10/1/2007 3/18/2008</b>  |                   |                   |                         |                          |          |          |           |           |                |
| 2007                        | <b>10/1/2007</b>  |                   |                         | Normal                   | Advisory | Advisory | Advisory  | Advisory  | Normal         |
| 2008                        |                   | <b>3/18/2008</b>  | As of March 18, 2008    | Normal                   | Normal   | Normal   | Normal    | Normal    | Normal         |
| <b>8/1/2010 11/19/2010</b>  |                   |                   |                         |                          |          |          |           |           |                |
| 2010                        | <b>8/1/2010</b>   |                   |                         | Normal                   | Normal   | Advisory | Advisory  | Normal    | Normal         |
|                             |                   |                   | October 2010            | Normal                   | Advisory | Advisory | Advisory  | Normal    | Normal         |
| 2010                        |                   | <b>11/19/2010</b> | As of November 19, 2010 | Normal                   | Normal   | Normal   | Normal    | Normal    | Normal         |
| <b>10/1/2014 11/30/2014</b> |                   |                   |                         |                          |          |          |           |           |                |
| 2014                        | <b>10/1/2014</b>  |                   |                         | Normal                   | Normal   | Normal   | Normal    | Advisory  | Advisory       |
| 2014                        |                   | <b>11/30/2014</b> | As of December 1, 2014  | Normal                   | Normal   | Normal   | Normal    | Normal    | Normal         |
| <b>7/1/2016</b>             |                   |                   |                         |                          |          |          |           |           |                |
| 2016                        | <b>7/1/2016</b>   |                   | June 2016               | Normal                   | Advisory | Watch    | Watch     | Advisory  | Normal         |
|                             |                   |                   | July 2016               | Advisory                 | Watch    | Warning  | Warning   | Watch     | Advisory       |
|                             |                   |                   | August 2016             | Advisory                 | Watch    | Warning  | Warning   | Warning   | Watch          |
|                             |                   |                   | September 2016          | Watch                    | Warning  | Warning  | Warning   | Warning   | Watch          |
|                             |                   |                   | October 2016            | Warning                  | Warning  | Warning  | Warning   | Warning   | Advisory       |
|                             |                   |                   | November 2016           | Warning                  | Warning  | Warning  | Warning   | Warning   | Advisory       |
|                             |                   |                   | December 2016           | Warning                  | Warning  | Warning  | Watch     | Warning   | Advisory       |
|                             |                   |                   | January 2017            | Watch                    | Warning  | Watch    | Advisory  | Warning   | Advisory       |

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| <p>Note: The information in this table dates to 2001, when the <i>Massachusetts Drought Management Plan</i> was developed in response to a period of deficient precipitation, starting in 1999. The most severe drought of modern times was the drought of the 1960s, equivalent to a drought emergency. A less severe drought occurred in the early 1980s. See Appendix F of the plan for more details:</p> <p><a href="http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/wrc/droughtplan.pdf">http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/wrc/droughtplan.pdf</a></p> |            |          |         |                          |          |         |           |           |  |  |
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