

# LEVEL 1 - MILD DROUGHT



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Mild Drought



LEVEL 2  
Significant Drought



LEVEL 3  
Critical Drought



LEVEL 4  
Emergency Drought

## What does this mean?



Rain below normal for at least 2 months



River and stream flows begin to decline



Gardens begin to wilt

## Act Now!



RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:



Upgrade to efficient toilets, faucets, and showers.



Limit outdoor watering to one day a week (only from 5:00 pm – 9:00 am).

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### IMMEDIATE STEPS FOR COMMUNITIES:



Adhere to the state's outdoor water use restrictions.



Limit or prohibit installation of new landscaping.



Establish water-use reduction targets, identify top water users, and conduct targeted outreach.

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### SHORT- AND MEDIUM-TERM STEPS FOR COMMUNITIES:



Establish a water conservation program.



Regularly update local residents and businesses.



Use drought surcharges or seasonal water rates.



Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.



Develop a local drought management plan.

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