

RECENT DROUGHT HISTORY

Year	Begin Date	End Date	Comment	Drought Level by Regions					
				Western	CT River	Central	Northeast	Southeast	Cape & Islands
12/28/2001 1/31/2003									
2001	12/28/2001			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		1/31/2003	As of January 31, 2003	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
10/1/2007 3/18/2008									
2007	10/1/2007			Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Normal
2008		3/18/2008	As of March 18, 2008	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
8/1/2010 11/19/2010									
2010	8/1/2010			Normal	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	Normal
2010			October 2010	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	Normal
2010		11/19/2010	As of November 19, 2010	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
10/1/2014 11/30/2014									
2014	10/1/2014			Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Advisory	Advisory
2014		11/30/2014	As of December 1, 2014	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
7/1/2016 4/30/2017									
2016	7/1/2016		June 2016	Normal	Advisory	Watch	Watch	Advisory	Normal
2016			July 2016	Advisory	Watch	Warning	Warning	Watch	Advisory
2016			August 2016	Advisory	Watch	Warning	Warning	Warning	Watch
2016			September 2016	Watch	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Watch
2016			October 2016	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Advisory
2016			November 2016	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Advisory
2016			December 2016	Warning	Warning	Warning	Watch	Warning	Advisory
2017			January 2017	Watch	Warning	Watch	Advisory	Warning	Advisory
2017			February 2017	Advisory	Watch	Advisory	Advisory	Watch	Advisory
2017			March 2017	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory

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2017		4/30/2017	April 2017	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	
<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>http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/eea/wrc/droughtplan.pdf</p>										
Note 2: MA Drought Management Plan revised, September 2019										
Year	Begin Date	End Date	Comment	Western	CT River	Central	Northeast	Southeast	Cape Cod	Islands
	9/1/2019	9/30/2019								
2019	9/1/2019		September 2019	Normal	Advisory	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
		9/30/2019	October 2019	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal