DROUGHT STATUS
Massachusetts has declared a Level 2—Significant Drought in the Southeast Region, and a Level 1—Mild Drought in the Western, Connecticut River Valley, Central, Northeast, and Cape Cod regions.

CURRENT CONDITIONS
Due to over two months of below normal rainfall and above normal temperatures, and despite recent rainfall at the end of March, the State has once again started to experience drought conditions. The last drought was from May-December 2020. As drought conditions continue to worsen and we enter our growing season, it is important for residents and businesses to conserve water both outdoors and indoors, restrict new plantings to native and drought resistant plants, fix leaks, and for communities to prepare for long-term resiliency to droughts.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

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