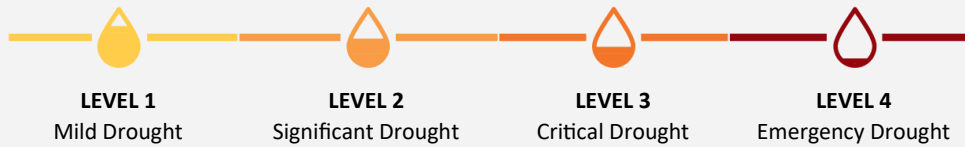


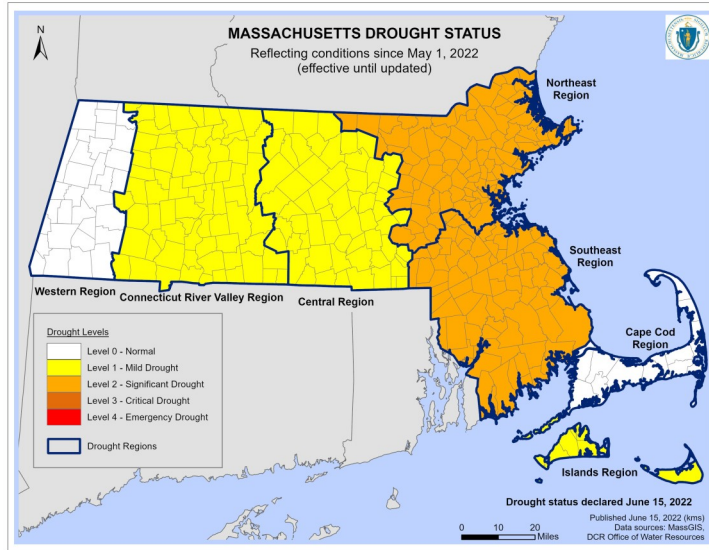
MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT ALERT

June, 2022



DROUGHT STATUS

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



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CURRENT CONDITIONS

Due to over three months of below normal rainfall, the Commonwealth has once again started to experience drought conditions. The last drought was from January-August 2021. As drought conditions continue to worsen and we are in the growing season, it is important for residents and businesses to be mindful of their water use and conserve water both outdoors and indoors, fix leaks, and for communities to prepare for long-term resiliency to droughts.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Be mindful of your water use to ensure essential needs, such as drinking water and fire protection, are being met, and habitats have enough water to support their natural functions.

In Level 2-Significant Drought Areas

Residents & Businesses:

- Minimize water use
- Limit outdoor watering to hand-held 5:00 pm-9:00 am
- Conserve water indoors
- Fix Leaks

Cities & Towns:

- Limit outdoor watering to at least hand-held only b/w 5:00 pm-9:00 am
- Limit new landscapes and outdoor washing
- Implement drought or seasonal water rates
- Establish water use reduction targets
- Establish a leak detection program

In Level 1-Mild Drought Areas

Residents & Businesses:

- Focus water conservation indoors; fix Leaks
- Reduce any outdoor watering to one-day/week

Cities & Towns:

- Limit any outdoor watering to no more than once a week and b/w 5:00 pm-9:00 am
- Limit new landscapes and outdoor washing
- Implement drought or seasonal water rates
- Check emergency connections
- Develop local drought plan

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