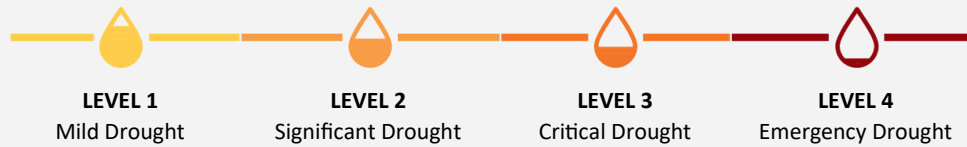


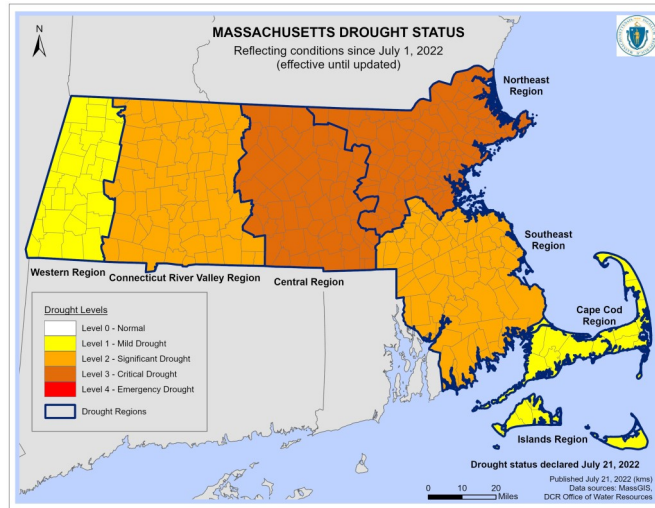
# MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT ALERT

July 28, 2022



## DROUGHT STATUS

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has declared a **Level 3 – Critical Drought** in the Northeast and Central Regions, a **Level 2 – Significant Drought** in the Connecticut River Valley and Southeast Regions, and a **Level 1 – Mild Drought** in the Western, Cape Cod and Islands Regions.



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## CURRENT CONDITIONS

With over five months of below normal rainfall, drought has set in all across the state, and intensified in some regions. Streamflow is severely impacted with dry stream beds and ponding; drought-induced fire danger is on the rise, and; drought conditions are starting to impact our farms, with losses in soil moisture, more heavy irrigation needed and initial signs of crop loss.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

### Residents, Facilities & Businesses:

#### ALL DROUGHT REGIONS

- Minimize water use
- Run dishwashers & washing machines at full capacity
- Take shorter showers
- Conserve water indoors
- Fix Leaks
- Be careful with outdoor flames

#### OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

- LEVEL 1: Limit to one-day/week 5:00 pm - 9:00 am
- LEVEL 2: Limit to hand-held 5:00 pm - 9:00 am
- LEVEL 3: Ban on all non-essential outdoor water use

### Cities & Towns:

- Limit outdoor watering as per drought level restrictions for your region
- Limit new landscapes and outdoor washing
- Check emergency connections and interconnections with other water suppliers
- Implement drought or seasonal water rates
- Establish water use reduction targets
- Establish a leak detection program
- Develop/refine local drought plan for water supply

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