

Massachusetts Drought Alert

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Drought Conditions Worsen in Southeast Region



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Drought Impacts

Precipitation deficits since 2024 remain in spite of January's significant snowfall.

Record cold temperatures and frozen ground have prevented **snowmelt** from soaking into the soil, limiting **groundwater** recharge and discharge to streams. This has continued to cause low streamflow, decreasing **water levels** in lakes and ponds, and declining groundwater in nearly all regions.

Although local water supplies are currently stable, reduced recharge capacity to the ground means people should **be conservative with water** use.

Multiple Regions

In general, drought conditions have remained steady in nearly all regions of MA. While the Millers River Basin has improved, the Southeast Region has worsened to a **Level 2-Significant Drought**. All other regions remain unchanged.

Share your drought impacts with us!

Residents and Businesses:

How YOU can help

- Minimize overall water use & reduce indoor water use by:
 - taking showers, not baths; shortening shower length & using a timer
 - running washing machines & dishwashers (avoid handwashing) on full loads only
 - avoiding running water when brushing & shaving
 - replacing old fixtures & appliances with water-efficient ones (WaterSense labeled)
- Evaluate household water use & identify leaks with the [MA Home Water Use Calculator tool](#)
- Fix any toilet or faucet leaks immediately by checking water meters for constant dial movement, using dye tabs for toilet leaks & inspecting pipes/fixtures regularly

Boards of Health can report [here](#) on conditions of local private wells

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