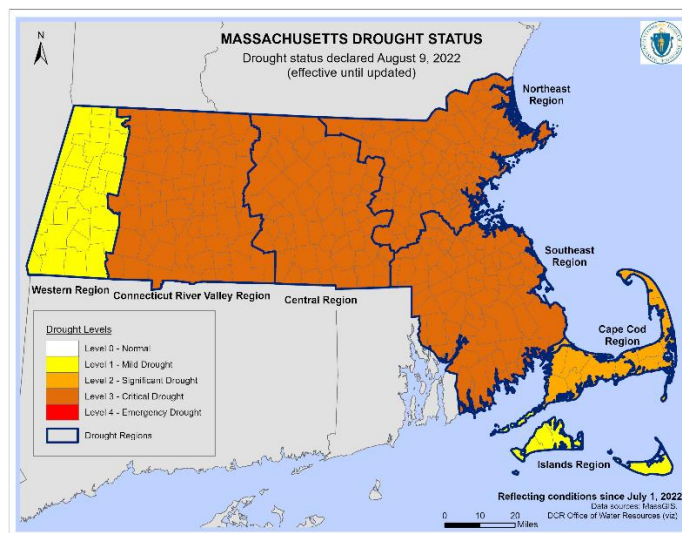


Summary Guidance for Public Water Suppliers



Level 3 (Critical Drought) – Northeast, Southeast, Central and Connecticut Regions

All nonessential outdoor water uses should be banned.

Level 2 (Significant Drought) - Cape Cod Region

Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.

Level 1 (Mild Drought) – Western and Islands Drought Regions

Limit outdoor watering to no more than one day per week, before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m., except that watering ornamentals and flower gardens with drip irrigation, hand-held hose or watering cans may be permitted.

Private Wells

Households and businesses that draw water from private wells should conserve water by reducing indoor and outdoor water usage, and by abiding by the water use restrictions in place in their community.

At All Drought Levels

Limit or prohibit:

- installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping;
- watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall;
- washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding);
- personal vehicle or boat washing;
- operation of non-recirculating fountains;
- filling of swimming pools.

Provide timely information to local residents and businesses.

Other Emergency Measure to Consider

- **Flushing Programs** - Suppliers may consider delaying routine pipe flushing until later in the fall, if such a delay will not adversely affect water quality. Suppliers with mandatory flushing schedules should contact your DEP Regional Drinking Water Program Chief to discuss concerns or to delay routinely scheduled pipe flushing.