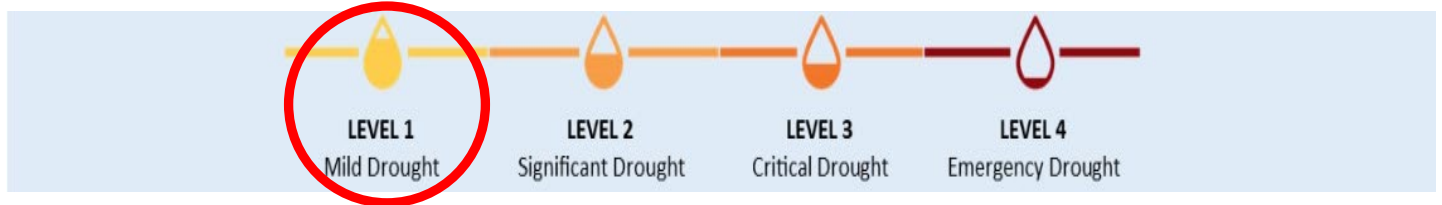


MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT ALERT



Drought Status: Although drought conditions improved across several regions of Massachusetts we are still in a drought. EEA has declared that the Central Region, which includes Auburn, is in a Level 1-Mild Drought.

Current Conditions: It is welcome news that consistent rainfall has improved drought indices in nearly all regions of Massachusetts. However, due to the severe lack of precipitation over the winter months, limited water use and additional rainfall are still needed to fully recover from our recent prolonged drought. Conservation now will help protect our resources and may help reduce larger problems later in the summer. It is imperative that we continue to practice indoor and outdoor water conservation to ensure that our drinking water supplies are sustained, to fully recover from and reduce drought impacts.

We're entering FIRE SEASON early!

AWD Restrictions for Level 1 Mild Drought:

During the Mild Drought conditions, our MassDEP withdrawal permit requires District residents to comply with the following mandatory water use restrictions:

- Minimize overall water use.
- Limit outdoor watering to one day per week. Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement, or cement.
- Outdoor watering must take place during off-peak hours, before 9 AM and after 5 PM and only.
- Watering permitted is limited to one (1) day per week following the odd/even schedule based on address number of the property.

Address	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ODD	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×
EVEN	×	×	×	×	×	✓	×

ACT NOW! Use only what you need:

- **Water Use:** Stop all non-essential water use and minimize overall water use. Make sure toilets, faucets and shower heads are WaterSense efficient.
- **Leaks:** Look for leaks in homes and businesses. Check pipes, fixtures, and appliances. Inspect water meters for constant dial movement. Use dye strips or food coloring to check for toilet leaks.
- **Appliances:** Only do full loads of dishes and laundry. Use dishwashers instead of handwashing. Limit dish rinsing and garbage disposal use.
- **Showering:** Reduce shower length to five minutes and avoid baths. A timer can Help.
- **For more information:** <https://www.mass.gov/guides/drought-management-in-massachusetts>

Thank you for your cooperation!