MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT STATUS

Drought status effective: March 1, 2025
(effective until updated)

Declaration date: 4-9-25

Northeast Region

Southeast Region

Cape Cod Region

Western Region **Connecticut River Valley Region** **Central Region**

Islands Region

Drought Levels

- Level 0 - Normal
- Level 1 - Mild Drought
- Level 2 - Significant Drought
- Level 3 - Critical Drought
- Level 4 - Emergency Drought

0   10   20 Miles

Declaration Date: April 9, 2025

Data sources: MassGIS,
DCR Office of Water Resources (TJS)

STATE DROUGHT LEVEL AND DESCRIPTION

LEVEL 1: Mild Drought	LEVEL 2: Significant Drought	LEVEL 3: Critical Drought	LEVEL 4: Emergency Drought

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

State Guidance on Nonessential Outdoor Water-Use Restrictions at Various Drought Levels

LEVEL 1
MILD DROUGHT

1 day per week watering, after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. (to minimize evaporative losses)

LEVEL 2
SIGNIFICANT DROUGHT

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

LEVEL 3
CRITICAL DROUGHT

Ban on all nonessential outdoor water use

LEVEL 4
EMERGENCY DROUGHT

Ban on all nonessential outdoor water use