

Massachusetts Drought Alert

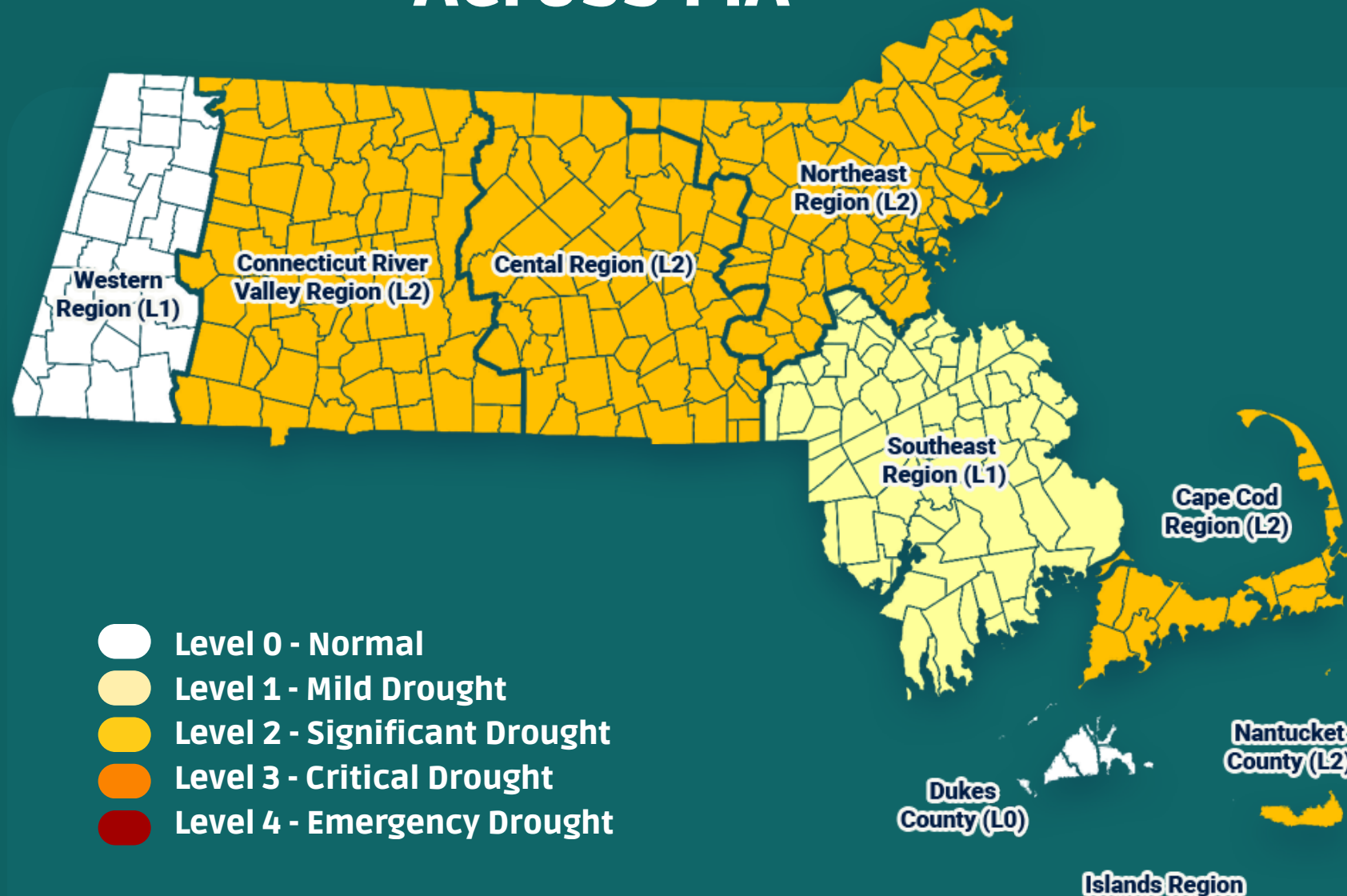
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Drought Conditions Improve Across MA



By Region

Western Region and Dukes County return to **NORMAL** after July rainfall (between 4.5 and nearly 9.5 inches!).

Northeast Region now joins the Connecticut River Valley, Central, & Cape Cod Regions, and Dukes County at a **Level 2 - Significant Drought**. The Southeast Region is at a **Level 1 - Mild Drought**.

Drought Video Series:

Video 1: [What does drought mean in MA?](#)

Video 2: [Why outdoor watering restrictions?](#)

[Water Conservation Tips & Tools](#)

[Private Well owners information](#)

[Drought FAQ](#)

Explore the [Native Plant Palette](#) tool and plan your garden to be more water-efficient! You can browse pre-made garden mixes or build one that specifically suits your needs, and then find a nursery to get your plants from!

What **YOU** can do

- FOLLOW LOCAL WATERING RESTRICTIONS
- OUTDOOR WATERING GUIDANCE:
 - **Level 2** - Limit to hand-held hoses or watering cans after 5 pm or before 9 am
 - **Level 1** - 1 day per week after 5 pm or before 9 am
- Use rain barrels to collect rain for outdoor watering
- Find/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
- Minimize overall water use by:
 - Taking shorter showers (5 minutes or less)
 - Running dishwashers/washers/dryers only on a full load
 - Evaluating household water use & identify leaks with the [MA Home Water Use Calculator tool](#)

[Share your local drought impacts with us!](#)

Additional Resources

 www.mass.gov/drought

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[Boards of Health - report on local private wells](#)

