Massachusetts Drought Alert

December 10, 2025

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

Drought Conditions Return to Normal in Western Region
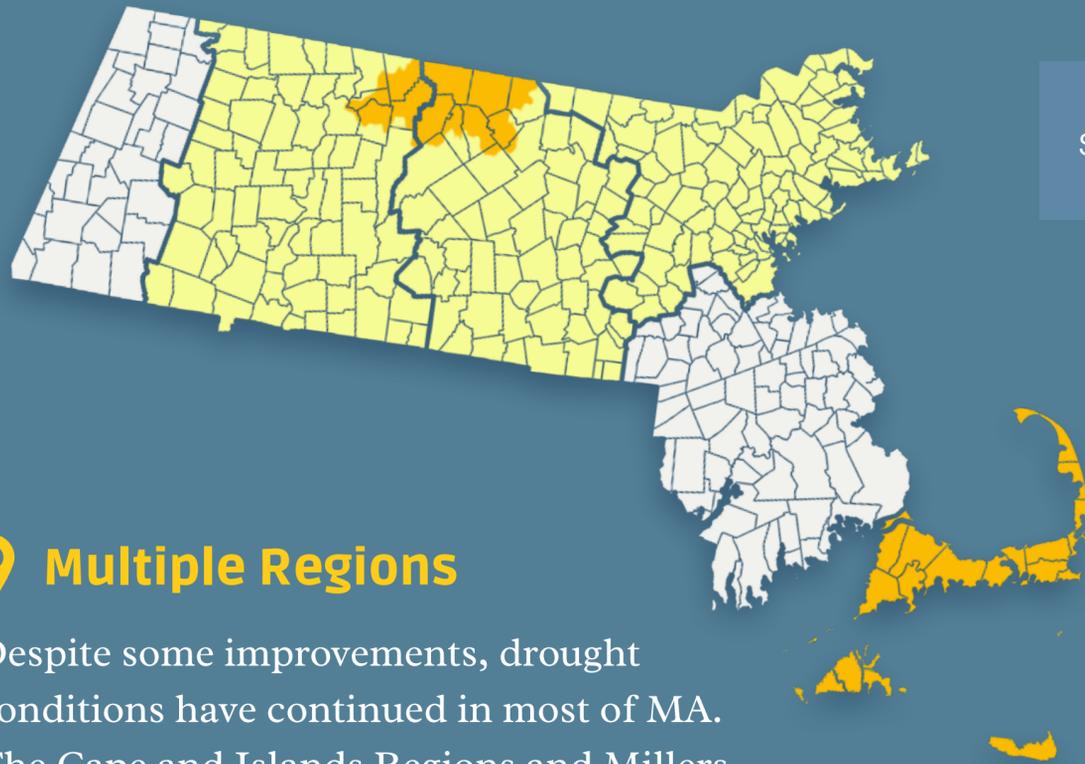
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📍 Multiple Regions

Despite some improvements, drought conditions have continued in most of MA. The Cape and Islands Regions and Millers Basin are at Level 2-Significant Drought, while the Connecticut River Valley, Central and Northeast Regions are at Level 1–Mild Drought. The Western and Southeast Regions are at normal condition.

Drought Impacts

More rain is needed to improve hydrological systems, especially streamflow and groundwater, which were below normal in November. I parts of the state, the drought is still causing dry streams and lower pond/lake levels with exposed banks in certain areas, impeding fish movement and affecting aquatic habitat.

> **Share your drought impacts with us!**

How you can help

Check with your local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place. Many systems may have other local conditions and constraints on water supply.

Residents and Businesses:

- 💧 Conserve overall water use, especially indoors
- 💧 Shut off/winterize sprinkler systems, disconnect hoses, and wrap spigots/backflows
- 💧 For any remaining watering:
  - Level 2 - Limit outdoor watering to 5 pm - 9am using hand-held hoses or watering cans
  - Level 1 - watering only one day a week
- 💧 Conduct indoor water audits to identify leaks
- 💧 Avoid removing outlet boards/stop logs that manage pond and lake levels