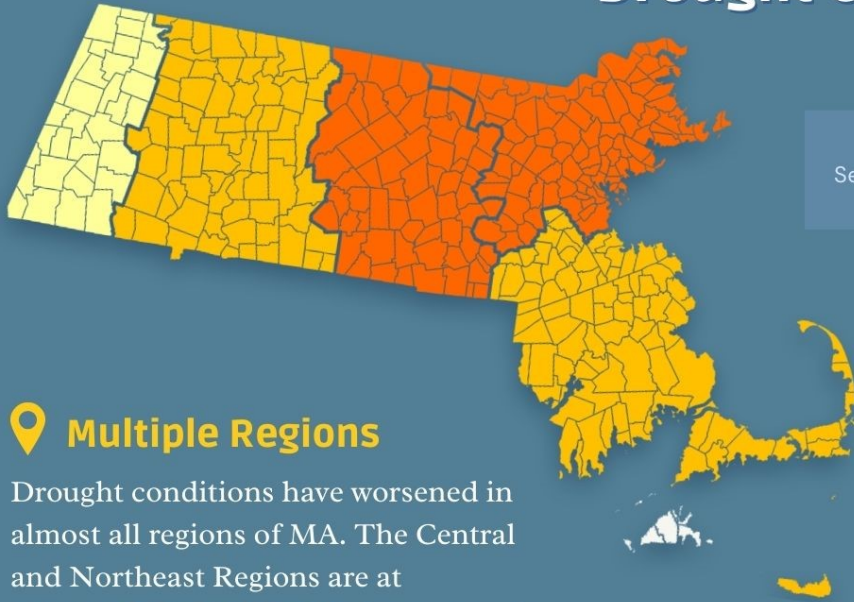


Massachusetts Drought Alert

March 10, 2026



Drought Conditions Worsen Across Massachusetts



Multiple Regions

Drought conditions have worsened in almost all regions of MA. The Central and Northeast Regions are at **Level 3-Critical Drought**; the Connecticut River Valley, Southeast & Cape Regions, and Nantucket County are at **Level 2-Significant Drought**; and the Western Region is at **Level 1-Mild Drought**.

Drought Alert Issued by:
Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs: Rebecca L. Tepper
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Drought Impacts

Drought is a Look Back on conditions over time. Although MA received >3 feet of snow in February, most of the water was **locked** because temperatures stayed well below freezing and the ground was frozen.

Even when it melts, this amount of snow equals only **~2.5 inches of water** - not enough to fully recharge rivers, lakes, ponds, & groundwater after months of below-average precipitation & overall substantial water deficits.

Current above-normal temperatures & upcoming rains will slowly start to replenish water systems & be reflected in monthly totals for March.

Share your drought impacts with us!

How YOU can help

Water Conservation information [click here.](#)

Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use & reduce indoor water use by:
 - taking showers, not baths; shortening shower length & using a timer
 - running washing machines & dishwashers (avoid handwashing) on full loads only
 - avoiding running water when brushing & shaving
 - replacing old fixtures & appliances with water-efficient ones (WaterSense labeled)
- Evaluate household water use & identify leaks with the [MA Home Water Use Calculator tool](#)
- 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



Additional Resources

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Private Well owners information [click here](#) Boards of Health - report [here](#) on conditions of local private wells

FAQ [click here.](#)

