

Massachusetts Drought Alert

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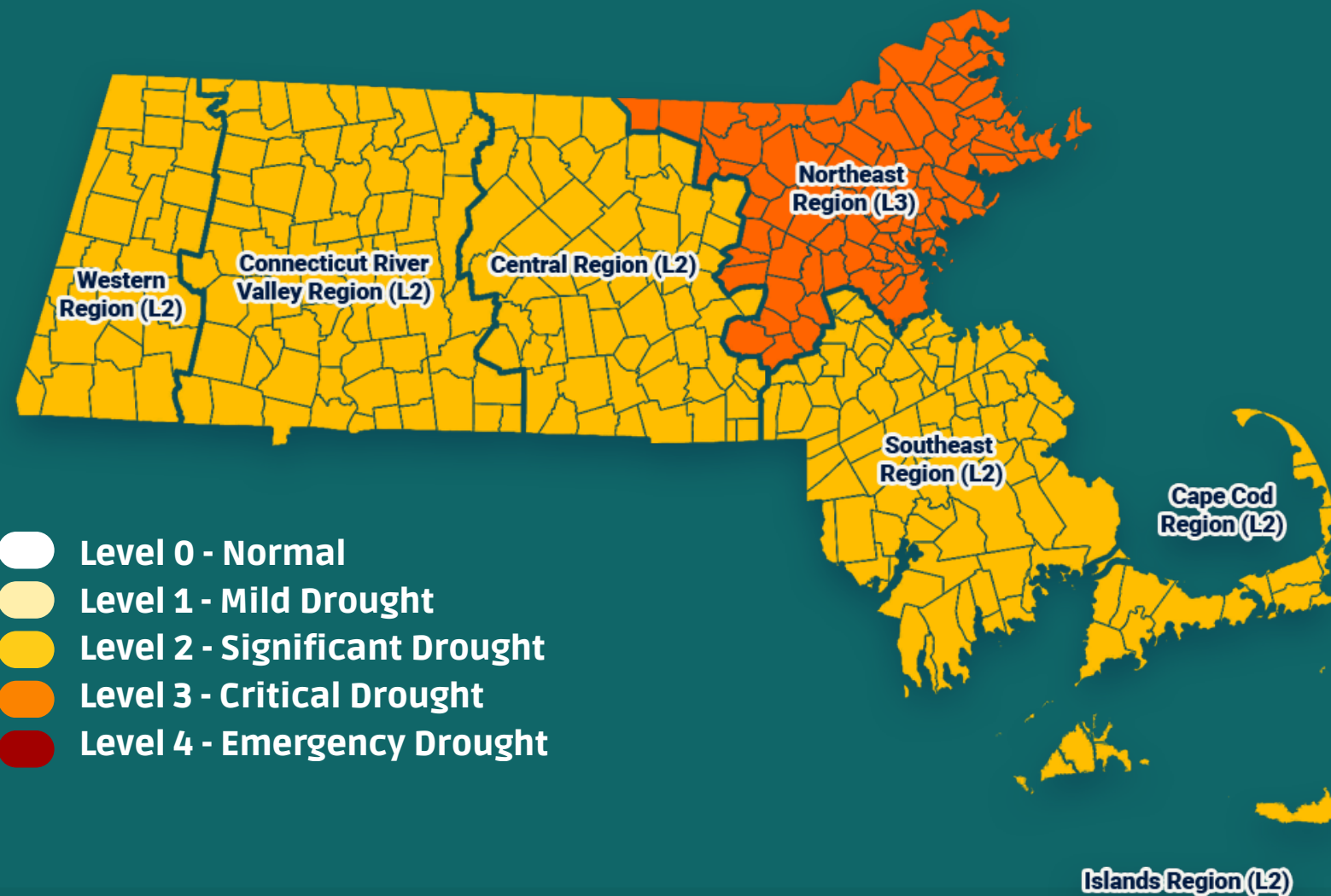


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Drought Conditions Worsen in Western Region



By Region

Northeast Region remains at a **Level 3 - Critical Drought**.

Western Region now joins the Connecticut River Valley, Central, Southeast, Cape Cod, and Islands Regions at a **Level 2-Significant Drought** due to worsening dry conditions.

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

- STOP all non-essential outdoor use in Northeast Region (e.g., lawn/landscape watering, washing cars/driveways/decks, filling pools); Hand-held only in Level 2 Regions
- 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
- Use rain barrels
- Continue to minimize overall water use by:
 - Taking shorter showers (5 minutes or less)
 - Running dishwashers and washing machines only on a full load
 - Evaluating household water use & identify leaks with the [MA Home Water Use Calculator](#) tool

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Additional Resources

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