

## Be PREPARED for a **DROUGHT**

Droughts are extended periods of low precipitation that can impact the supply of water for drinking, household usage, firefighting, and agriculture.



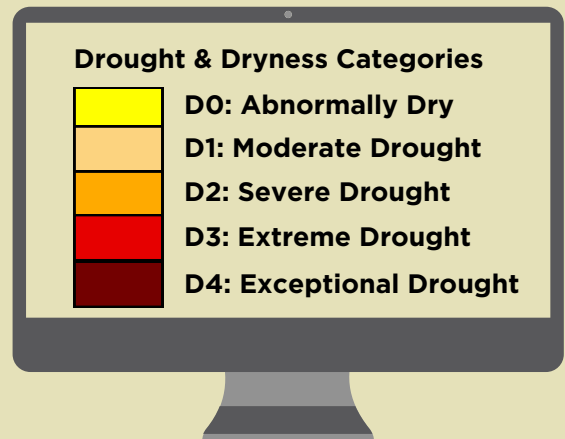
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weeks in Providence have experienced drought, since 2000.\*

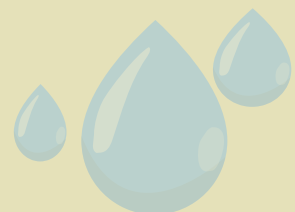
**See Rhode Island's Drought Status**  
at [drought.gov/states/rhode-island](https://drought.gov/states/rhode-island)

- Current drought status
- Weather conditions like precipitation and temperature
- Tips, tools, and resources
- Historical drought in Rhode Island
- Email updates



### Conserve water every day!

Adopt water-saving measures indoors and outdoors to help preserve water resources and reduce the likelihood of a shortage. Both municipal water users and private well owners should participate in water conservation efforts.



## BEFORE A DROUGHT



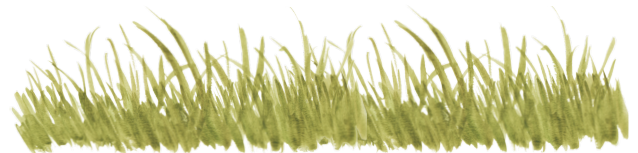
### ***Indoor water conservation***

- Fix faucet leaks.
- Reduce the use of sink disposals.
- Choose appliances that are water efficient.
- Install aerators with flow restrictors on faucets.
- Install an instant water heater on your sink.
- Install an ultra-low-flow showerhead.
- Install a low-volume toilet.



### ***Outdoor smart landscaping***

- Choose drought-tolerant, native plants for your yard.
- Group plants together based on their water needs.
- Do not over-fertilize. Fertilizer increases the need for water.
- Use mulch around trees and plants to keep the soil moist.
- Cut your grass less frequently.



## DURING A DROUGHT

***Significantly reduce your water usage.***



Do not let the tap run while waiting for the water to become cold or hot.



Don't pour water down the drain. Use it for watering plants.



Don't let water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face, etc.



Avoid the use of hoses and sprinklers.



Take shorter showers.



Wait until the dishwasher and washing machine are full before running them.

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