

Drought Information

The Division of Water Supply and Geoscience within the Department of Environmental Protection, regularly monitors various [water supply conditions](#) within the state based on the different [Water Supply Regions](#).

It should be noted that there are different types of droughts which affect sectors differently (e.g. meteorological, agricultural), this page focuses on water supply drought.



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Water Supply Status and Action



Normal

Routine monitoring of water supply and meteorological indicators. All conditions normal.

Watch

Focus placed on voluntary reductions in demand through increased public awareness.

Current Status Warning

DEP Commissioner issues order urging public to voluntarily use water sparingly; DEP may issue orders to purveyors to manage supplies in most affected regions.

Emergency

Governor orders mandatory restrictions on certain uses of water, usually phased in as conditions deteriorate.

The [water supply conditions](#) aid the Department in declaring the regions as being within one of the four stages of water supply drought, Normal, [Drought Watch](#), [Drought Warning](#), and [Drought Emergency](#).

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