

Did you know that Connecticut is in a drought?

On July 14, 2022, Governor Lamont declared a Stage 2 drought for all counties in Connecticut. Under the state's drought plan adopted in 2018, Stage 2 identifies an emerging drought event, potentially impacting water supplies, agriculture, or natural ecosystems. Governor Lamont requested, "Residents should be mindful of their water consumption and take sensible steps to reduce impacts on other water uses and in the environment. We must begin early steps now to mitigate the potential for harm should the drought become prolonged."



Residents and businesses across the state are being asked to voluntarily take the following measures to aid in minimizing future drought impact:

- Reduce outdoor irrigation
- Postpone the planting of any new lawns or vegetation
- Minimize overall water use by fixing leaky plumbing and fixtures

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What to do, when in drought...

- **Limit lawn watering to no more than 2 days per week, preferable before 9am or after 5pm, and avoid watering sidewalks and driveways.**
- **Switch to use of drip irrigation systems, if possible.**
- **Hand water trees, vegetable/fruit gardens and perennials.**
- **Use a broom to clean off sidewalks and driveways, not the water hose.**
- **Fix any leaks, malfunctions and breaks within 48 hours of identifying the problem.**
- **Shut off the water hose while washing vehicles at home.**