

Water Savings for Drought!

Water Supply Status and Actions

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.

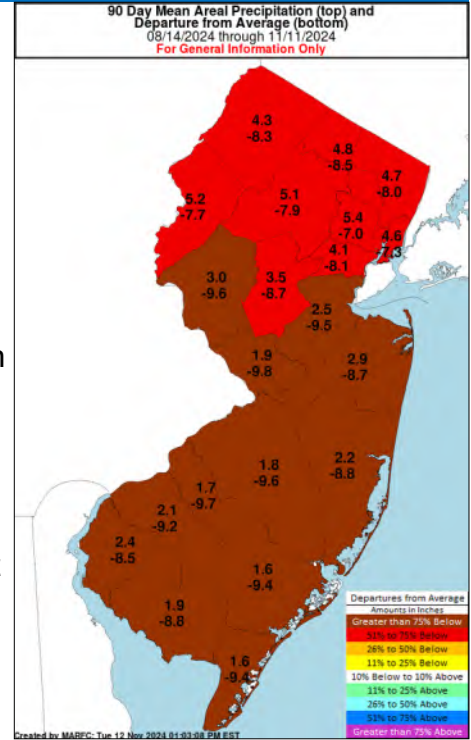
Emergency

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

<https://dep.nj.gov/drought/>

New Jersey is in Drought! Governor Phil Murphy and NJDEP Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette have declared a Drought Warning for New Jersey based on the lack of rain, above average temperatures, and deteriorating drinking water supply conditions in recent months. **Brick Utilities strongly urges residents to practice water conservation measures at home and work.**

The Drought Warning follows a Drought Watch that was issued in October. NJDEP defines a Drought Warning as "a non-emergency phase of managing water supplies during the developing stages of drought." It is meant to avert a Drought Emergency, NJDEP's third and most severe level of water supply drought designation. A Drought Emergency enacts mandatory water use restrictions, bans on non-essential water use (such as landscape watering, washing cars, etc.) and may include other potentially drastic measures.



<https://www.weather.gov/marfc/NJPrecipitation90Day>

To learn more about current drought conditions and the state of drinking water supplies in New Jersey please visit the NJDEP's Drought Information website (<https://dep.nj.gov/drought/>). The news release issued about the drought warning can be viewed at https://dep.nj.gov/newsrel/24_0054/.

The current rainfall deficit is severe enough that it will take several significant storms or months of normal rainfall to replenish drinking water supplies. Let's all do our part to conserve water to stretch our diminishing water supplies and help prevent a Drought Emergency. Please visit NJDEP's Water Conservation webpage at <https://dep.nj.gov/conserves-water/> and USEPA's WaterSense at <https://www.epa.gov/watersense> for water conservation measures. Following are water conservation tips:

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Following are water conservation measures to use (continued):



A LEAKY FAUCET WASTES UP TO 2 GALLONS EVERY DAY. THAT'S YOUR MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN.

FIX LEAKS, SAVE MONEY.

Replace faucets and faucet aerators with WaterSense certified models, saving 15,622 gallons and about \$100 per year.

Be a Leak Detective

Place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank; if dye shows up in the bowl, you may need to replace the flapper. Don't forget to flush afterwards. Leaking toilets waste 73,846 gallons and about \$480 per year. When replacing the toilet, buy a WaterSense certified model to save 10,986 gallons and about \$70 per year.

SAVE While Showering

Take 5 minute showers and save 76,650 gallons and about \$498 per year. Replace showerheads with WaterSense labeled models saving 7,655 gallons and about \$50 per year.

Turn off the TAP

Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth, shaving and washing hands saving 11,600 gallons and about \$70 per year.

Let Your Dishwasher Do the Work

Scrape plates into the trash rather than rinsing when loading the dishwasher. Run the dishwasher only when it's full saving 2,920 gallons and about \$19 per year. Replace with a high-efficiency mode saving 1,314 gallons a \$8 per year.

Load up on Laundry

Save water by only running the clothes washer with full loads saving 10,534 gallons and \$68 per year. Replace with a high efficiency model, saving 14,585 gallons and \$94 per year.

