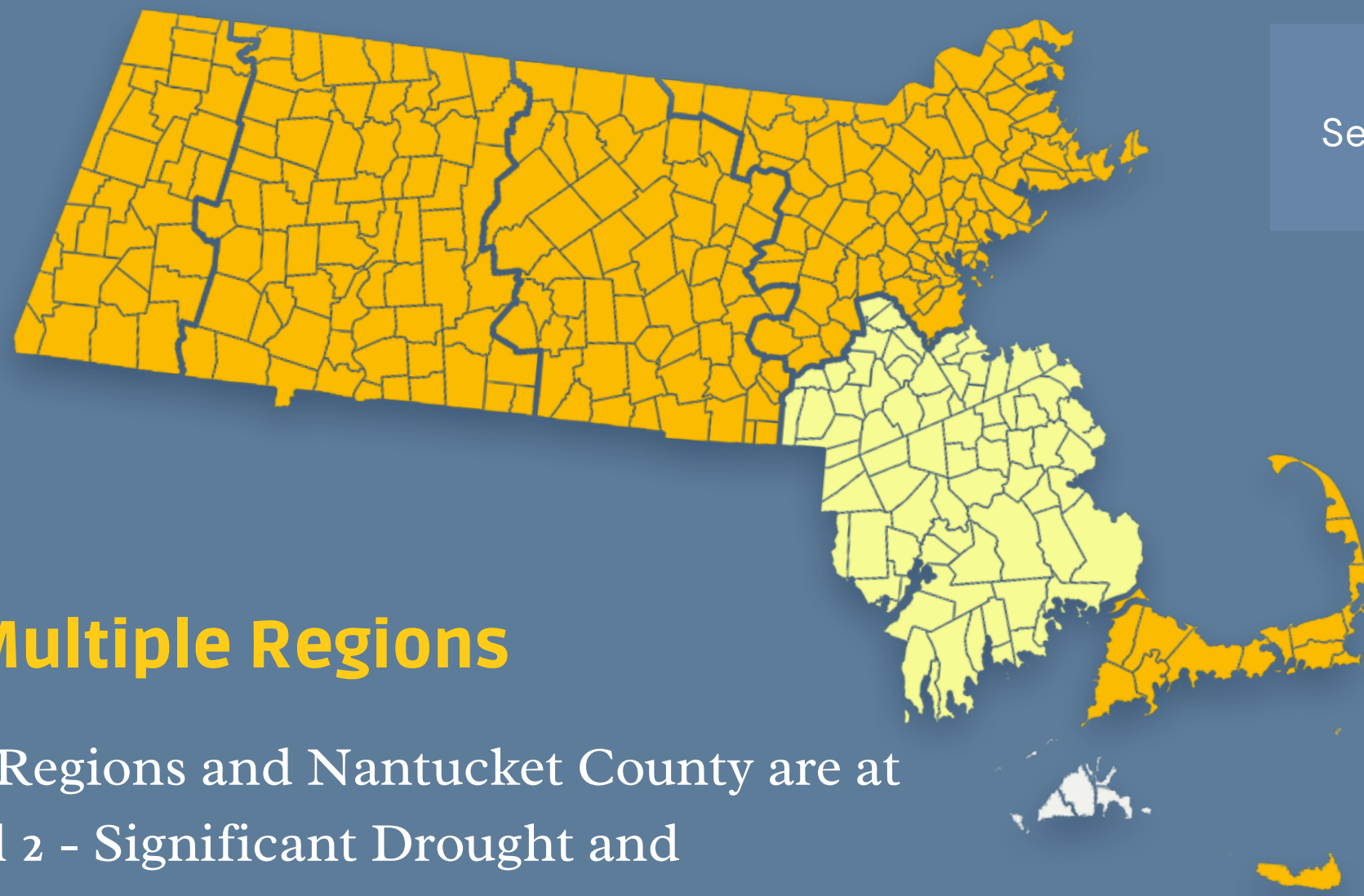


Massachusetts Drought Alert

September 12, 2025



Significant Drought Conditions Across the State



Multiple Regions

Five Regions and Nantucket County are at Level 2 - Significant Drought and Southeast Region is at Level 1 - Mild Drought. With 3-months of precipitation deficits and above-normal temperatures, drying trends continue across the state and indices are showing signs of stress.

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Drought Impacts

More rain is needed to improve hydrological systems, especially streamflow and fire danger indices. Drought has immediate impacts on **streamflow** with drying streams and lower pond/lake levels; lower water levels affect aquatic habitat and fish movement. Drought also depletes soil moisture and dries vegetation/brush leading to increased and prolonged **fires**.

Share your
drought
impacts
with us!

How you can help

Check with your local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place. Many systems may have other local conditions and constraints on water supply.



Check out the new **MA Native Plant Palette!**

A free tool to explore native plants and create custom plant lists to support water conservation and drought resilience.

Residents and Businesses:

- Use caution with smoking materials, power equipment, outdoor cooking, etc.
NO OPEN BURNING ALLOWED!
- Limit outdoor watering to 5pm - 9am using hand-held hoses or watering cans (**Level 2**), or one day a week (**Level 1**)
- Conduct indoor water audits to identify leaks
- Plant local/drought-resistant species and harvest rainwater
- Avoid removing outlet boards/stop logs that manage pond/lake levels



Additional Resources



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