

Watch

5% - 10% Reduction Goal

State Action

- Notify municipal and county governments and other appropriate agencies of "Drought Watch" status
- MDE's Office of Communication works with local media to issue frequent drought updates and [water conservation tips](#) to public
- Drought conditions evaluated biweekly
- Increase monitoring of problems incurred by water systems
- Facility managers for government buildings identify leaks and accelerate maintenance and/or repairs

Public Water Suppliers Action

- Activate Water Conservation Plan
- Implement [water conservation measures](#)
- Distribute Information on water conservation
- Along side homeowners, aggressively pursue leak detection surveys and repair programs
- Reduce water usage for main flushing, street flushing, and park irrigation
- Caution industrial users to reduce water usage
- Utilities or local governments may impose restrictions more stringent than the state guidelines

Warning

10% - 15% Reduction Goal

State Action

- Notify municipal and county governments and other appropriate agencies of "Drought Warning" status
- MDE's Office of Communication works with local media to issue frequent drought updates and water conservation tips to public
- Communicate with local [drought coordinators](#)
- Continue monitoring of problems incurred by water systems
- Encourage business and industry to irrigate with treated wastewater in accordance with health guidelines
- Facility managers for government buildings identify leaks and accelerate maintenance and/or repairs

Public Water Suppliers Action

- Actively implement water conservation measures
- Request and/or require that active conservation measures be practiced
- Increase public awareness of potential water shortage
- Individually contact industrial users to reduce water usage
- Discontinue flushing water lines, fire hydrants, and distribution equipment