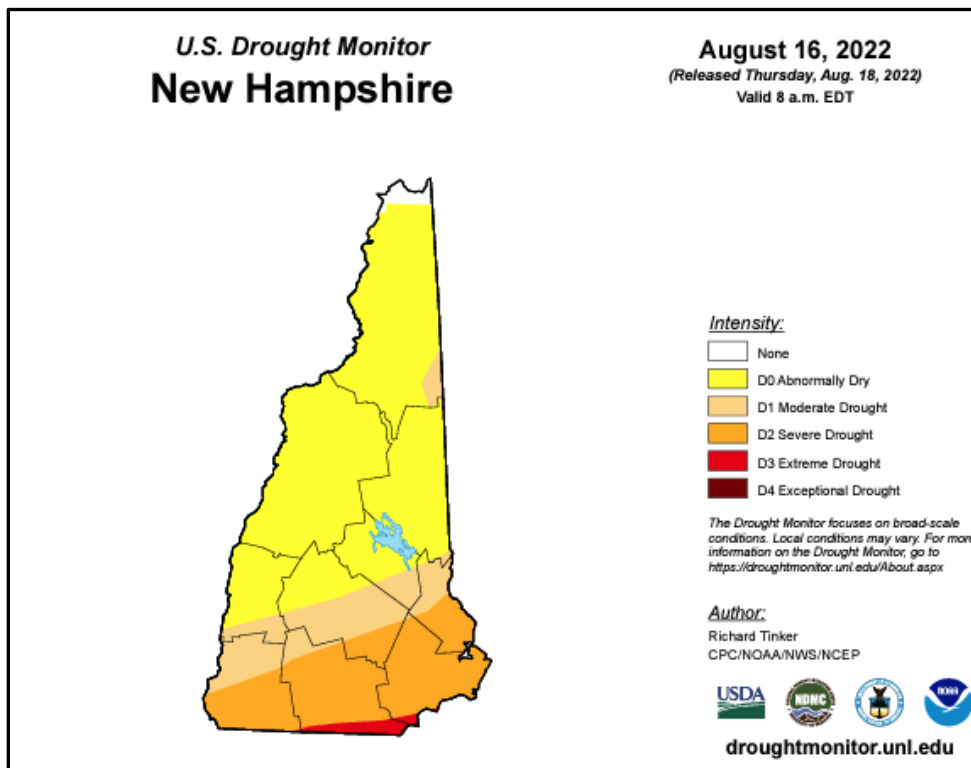


**New Hampshire Regional Drought Conditions and Wise Water Use** - The Durham/UNH Water System would like to advise customers that effective August 16, 2022, the region has entered a D2 category severe drought condition and asks system users to practice wise water use. Practices may include:

- Limiting the irrigation of landscaped areas using hose-end sprinklers or automatic systems
- Water gardens, trees, flowers or other landscaped areas with handheld hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can
- Utilize soaker hoses when irrigation is necessary
- Limit vehicle washing with bucket or hand-held hose with automatic shut-off
- Draw less water for bath or reduce shower time
- Do not let water run while shaving, dish washing, brushing teeth, etc.
- Keep pools covered if not used on a daily basis
- Use water displacement device in toilet tank
- Install aerators on faucets
- Utilize water reuse where possible
- Replacement or retrofits with ultra-low flow fixtures is encouraged
- If necessary, use a broom or blower instead of a hose to wash off driveways, decks, etc.
- Use commercial car washes that recycle water
- Take measures to prevent runoff from your property from reaching streets, sidewalks, or impervious areas.



The following state-specific drought impacts were compiled by the [National Drought Mitigation Center](#). While these impacts are not exhaustive, they can help provide a clearer picture of drought in New Hampshire.



**D0 - Abnormally Dry**

- Crop growth is stunted; planting is delayed
- Fire danger is elevated; spring fire season starts early
- Lawns brown early; gardens begin to wilt

**99.0%**  
of NH  
(D0–D4)



**D1 - Moderate Drought**

- Irrigation use increases; hay and grain yields are lower than normal
- Honey production declines
- Wildfires and ground fires increase

**39.1%**  
of NH  
(D1–D4)



**D2 - Severe Drought**

- Specialty crops are impacted in both yield and fruit size
- Producers begin feeding cattle; hay prices are high
- Warnings are issued on outdoor burns; air quality is poor

**25.0%**  
of NH  
(D2–D4)



**D3 - Extreme Drought**

- Crop loss is widespread; Christmas tree farms are stressed; dairy farmers are struggling financially
- Well drillers and bulk water haulers see increased business
- Water recreation and hunting are modified; wildlife disease outbreak is observed

**1.5%**  
of NH  
(D3–D4)



**D4 - Exceptional Drought**

- New Hampshire has experienced little or no exceptional (D4) drought, so there are no D4-level drought impacts recorded in the Drought Impact Reporter.

**0%**  
of NH  
(D4)

Source(s): [NDMC](#), [NOAA](#), [USDA](#)