



## TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN WATER DEPARTMENT

# **CRITICAL DROUGHT** **CONDITIONS DECLARED**

***To Provincetown Water System Customers in Provincetown and Truro***

## ***IMMEDIATE BAN ON OUTDOOR WATER USE***

With the risk of wildland fires increasing due to below average precipitation across the state, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card today declared that the **Cape Cod Region** will join the Connecticut River Valley, Southeast, Northeast, and Central Regions as a **LEVEL 3 – CRITICAL DROUGHT**. From August 1, 2022, to August 22, 2022, rainfall ranged mostly between 0.5 inch to 1 inch across the state, with a few localized higher and lower totals. Precipitation numbers are trending below average for the month of August. The Cape Cod, Islands, and Western Regions of the state were most impacted by the lack of precipitation. Additionally, since the onset of the drought, regions are experiencing between a four and ten inch deficit in precipitation. *If drought conditions continue into our “off-peak” season and we do not experience normal groundwater recharge in the coming months, this could greatly limit our ability to meet peak demands.*

Since June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, Provincetown Water System has been under **mandatory non-essential outdoor water use restrictions**. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL OUTDOOR WATERING IS NOW BANNED.** Refrain from new landscapes and plantings that require water. Please repair leaking fixtures and report any suspected underground leaks to the Water Department immediately. Provincetown Water Department appreciates your cooperation.

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