

LEARN ABOUT HOW YOUR PRIVATE WELL CAN BE AFFECTED BY DROUGHT CONDITIONS.



DROUGHTS AND YOUR PRIVATE WELL

During periods of drought, especially when conditions are severe (drought watch and higher), water sources such as reservoirs and wells that draw from underground aquifers are slow to recharge and can drop to very low levels. As the drought persists, these levels continue to decrease significantly and can affect all water users, including private well owners.

WILL MY EFFORTS TO CONSERVE WATER MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

All sources of water that are within a river basin, irrespective of the location or type of withdrawal, ultimately get their water from that same basin.

No matter where you get your water, any water conservation efforts you take will help alleviate the impacts on your source of water. It will also allow your community to have enough water for fire protection (the likelihood of fires increases as conditions get dry), public health and safety, and the environment. ***Water conservation measures are critical and should be started early. Reducing your water use can save water for the future!***

IF YOUR WELL GOES DRY – RESIDENTIAL, FARMER OR SMALL BUSINESS

- First contact the local Board of Health to report your dry well and to determine if there are any local resources available to help.
- If you need immediate hook-up to a water connection, contact your local the Water Department to see if a temporary hook up can be established.
- If you have enough storage available at your residence, you may also be able to buy water from [private water suppliers and tankers](#).
- Contact a well driller to explore options such as well replacement, or deepening the well to access water lower into the water table. MassDEP has [more information on well drilling](#).
- A farmer may contact Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources for assistance.

For more information on private wells, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/information-for-private-well-owners>. You can also contact MaryBeth Wisser, Water Superintendent, by phone at 781-259-2669 or by email wiserm@lincolntown.org. Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.