



# Level 2 Drought Response – Residential Fact Sheet

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Georgia’s Environmental Protection Division recently declared a Level 2 drought response for Metro Atlanta as severe drought conditions have extended into the fall. Between March and October, about 20 inches of rain fell in Atlanta, nearly 13 inches below average.

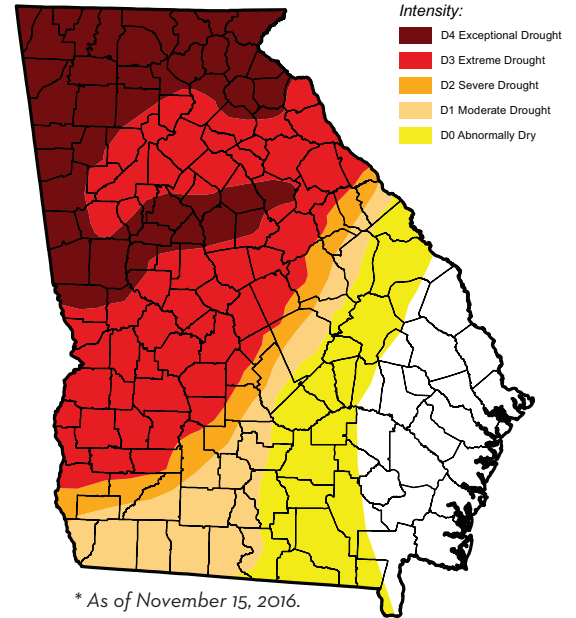
Experts predict dry, warm weather is likely to persist through the winter. This might be the beginning of a multiyear drought and we should conserve our water resources accordingly.

**We all must do our part to use water wisely.**

## Outdoor Watering Restrictions for lawns, gardens and trees

- Only as needed, up to **Twice a week** (even addresses and sites with no numbered address on Wednesday or Saturday and odd addresses on Thursday or Sunday)
- Only before **10 AM** and after **4 PM**

### State of Georgia Drought Conditions\*



For current drought conditions and drought response information specific to your city or county visit [northgeorgiawater.org/drought-status/](http://northgeorgiawater.org/drought-status/)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 ODD			 EVEN	 ODD		 EVEN

**Only water as needed.** In the fall and winter months, outdoor plants need less water. Water when plants show signs of distress (curling, wilting, graying foliage).

## What’s NOT Allowed

- » Washing streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways
- » Ornamental uses, such as fountains and waterfalls
- » Washing vehicles (cars, boats, etc.) at home
- » Non-commercial washing or pressure washing
- » Charity, or non-commercial fund-raiser, car washes

## What’s Allowed\*

- » Irrigation of personal food gardens
- » Irrigation of new and replanted seed, turf or plants for a period of 30 days following installation
- » Watering with drip irrigation or soaker hose
- » Hand watering, including hoses with shut-off nozzle
- » Use of water withdrawn from private water wells

\*Not subject to the 4 pm to 10 am or twice a week restrictions

## Water Conservation Tips

- » Check and repair leaks inside and outside the home.
- » Shorten showers and turn off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
- » Fill dishwashers and washing machines. Make sure there is a full load every time.
- » Replace older toilets and shower heads with high efficiency models. If your home was built before 1993, you may qualify for a toilet rebate.
- » Choose efficient appliances. Look for EPA WaterSense and ENERGY STAR labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures.
- » Scrape dishes before washing them. Avoid using the garbage disposal. It wastes a lot of water and can contribute to pipe clogs.

Find more conservation tips at [mydropcounts.org](http://mydropcounts.org)