



# Maintaining Your Lawn During a Drought

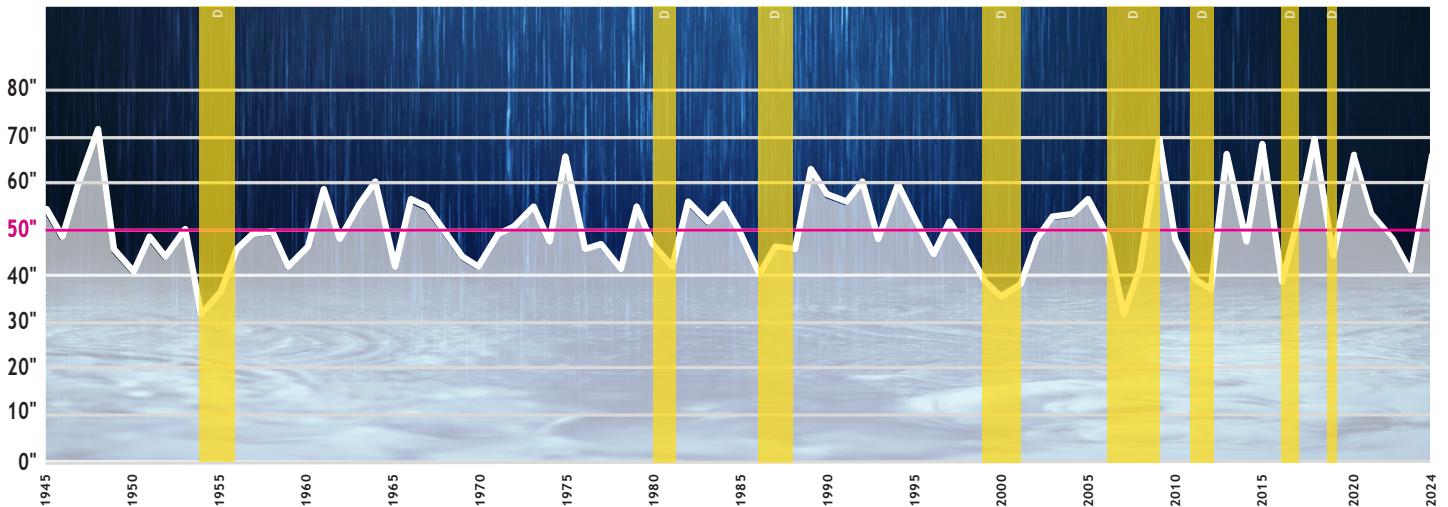
## How does drought affect Metro Atlanta?

Metropolitan Atlanta receives an average of 50-inches of rain per year, but the region frequently experiences lower rainfall and drought conditions over multi-year periods.

### Averages Can Be Misleading

#### Annual Rainfall

Average Annual Rainfall = 50 inches



## Levels of Drought

Drought may impact different parts of the region more strongly than others. It is important to be aware of different measures and actions you must take under different levels of drought. You can check out the region's current water supply by visiting [northgeorgiawater.org/water-stats](https://northgeorgiawater.org/water-stats).

## Caring for your Lawn during a Drought

Did you know the state of Georgia has an outdoor watering schedule? Under a declared Level 2 drought, outdoor irrigation is limited to two days per week. You may irrigate ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants such as grasses only two days a week on an odd-even schedule. Customers with even-numbered addresses may irrigate on Wednesday and Saturday and customers with odd-numbered addresses may irrigate on Thursday and Sunday.

| SUNDAY                                                                                     | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                                   | THURSDAY                                                                                    | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                                                                                      |
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| <br>ODD |        |         | <br>EVEN | <br>ODD |        | <br>EVEN |

When it comes to irrigation, the general rule of thumb is to provide 1 inch of water per week for most common grass types. However, other grass types, such as TifTuf, are drought tolerant and can survive and maintain their appearance with less water! Some grass types, like TifTuf have used 38% less water in some research studies. Once its roots are established in good soils, they rarely require irrigation and even hold their green color longer! There are many resources available to help you better understand the benefits of drought-tolerant turfgrasses and how best to maintain your lawn. Not only can you help to save water during drought but also help to cut down on your monthly water bill. Check out [mydropcounts.org](https://mydropcounts.org) for more water-saving tips.



# Drought Response

Be sure to check [GAdrought.org](https://Adrought.org) to know your region's current drought level.

## LEVEL 1

### Public Information

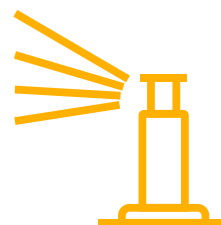
- Look for public notices regarding drought conditions and voluntary ways you can help conserve water.
- Georgia has year round watering restrictions; water outdoors only before 10AM and after 4PM



## LEVEL 2

### Water Use Restrictions

- Outdoor watering limited to two days per week
- The following outdoor water uses are not allowed
  - » Washing hard surfaces
  - » Outdoor ornamental purposes (such as fountains)
  - » Non-safety use of fire hydrants
  - » Non-commercial washing of building or vehicles
  - » Charity or non-commercial fundraiser car washes



## LEVEL 3

### Water Use Restrictions

- Outdoor irrigation ban
- Additional restrictions on outdoor water uses. Exceptions to these restrictions may apply. Refer to your public water system for details.



## LEVEL 3+

### Water Use Restrictions

- Potable water use restrictions. Exceptions to this restriction may apply. Refer to your public water system for details.

