

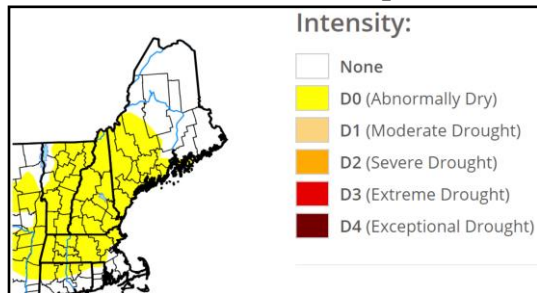


A Reminder to Conserve Water

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As summer begins to heat up the Lee Sustainability Committee (LSC) would like to remind you to conserve one of our town's most precious and valuable resources – water! While plentiful groundwater is fortunately a natural feature of Lee, this resource is reactive to rainfall and temperature. The U.S. Drought Monitor and the U.S. Geologic



Service report that precipitation in June has been below normal in our state, leading to below normal streamflow in our area is (as compared to historical streamflow). And the National Weather Service predicts that July through November will be hotter than normal in N.H., with normal to below-normal rainfall. We would like to gently remind all of the 2016

summer drought, which lead to dry wells in many towns throughout Southern N.H., including our own. Most Lee residents harvest groundwater using residential wells, so we all share the same water! Consider these easy ways to conserve it:

- ✓ Eliminate non-essential water use such as lawn watering, car washing, and other non-essential activities.
- ✓ Reduce shower times, do only full loads of laundry, and turn off the faucet while brushing teeth, doing dishes, and washing hands.
- ✓ Fix any leaks or drips in your household water system, including outside fixtures and hoses. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons each day!
- ✓ Update fixtures and appliances to the newer water-saving models.
- ✓ Replace harmful chemical cleaning products with safer, non-toxic and biodegradable alternatives. Polluted groundwater is groundwater lost.
- ✓ Never allow gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, or paint down your drains!
- ✓ Encourage your children. The Oyster River Cooperative School District is quite environmentally conscious - your kids may know more about conserving natural resources than you do! Encourage them to share and practice what they've been taught. Make conserving a family practice!

If you haven't yet seen our packet for monitoring your own well and groundwater, please click here: https://www.leenh.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf776/f/uploads/reside_1.pdf