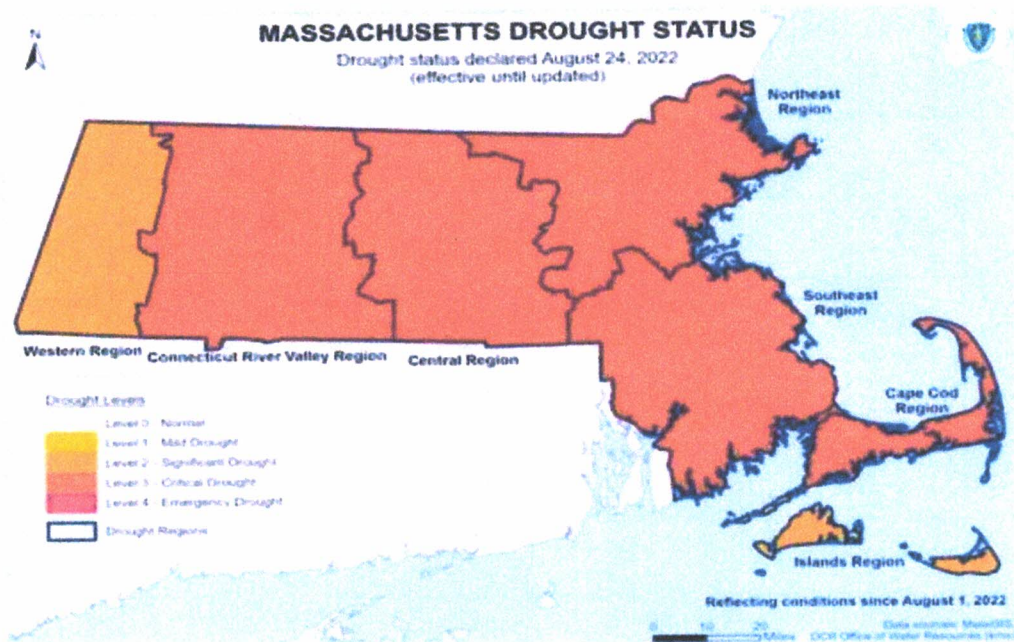


Tisbury water department is issuing a town wide voluntary water ban on recommendation from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Below is the drought status and recommendations from Mass D.E.P.



DROUGHT STATUS -The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has declared a Level 3 – Critical Drought in the Northeast, Central, Connecticut River Valley Southeast, and now Cape Cod Regions, a Level 2 – Significant Drought in the Western, and Islands Regions.

CURRENT CONDITIONS -The state has experienced over seven months of below normal rainfall and the drought has intensified across the state. since the onset of the drought, regions are experiencing between a four- and ten-inch deficit in precipitation. The risk of wildfires is increasing and unusually dry topsoil and groundcover vegetation causing fires to burn deeper and longer. Streamflow is severely impacted with dry stream beds and ponding, higher water temperatures and increased algal growth. Drought conditions are impacting our farms, with losses in soil moisture, more heavy irrigation needed and initial signs of crop loss.

Residents, Facilities & Businesses: ALL DROUGHT REGIONS OUTDOOR WATER USE RESTRICTIONS • Conserve water use • Run dishwashers & washing machines at full capacity • Take shorter showers • Fix Leaks • Be careful with outdoor flames • Ban on open flame & charcoal fires at state parks **LEVEL 2:** Limit to hand-held watering 5:00 pm - 9:00 am **LEVEL 3:** Ban on all non-essential outdoor water use.