

Dear Public Water Supplier:

We are writing to inform you that DEP Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley, on behalf of Governor Josh Shapiro, announced drought declarations on November 01, 2024.

33 counties are under Drought Watch.

**Drought Watch**

Adams, Allegheny, Beaver, Bucks, Butler, Carbon, Chester, Clearfield, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Indiana, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland, and York.

The declarations are in response to consistent dry conditions. Pennsylvania received very little rain over September and October, capping off a dry six months, particularly in the southeast part of the state.

Remember, in a drought watch, we should all be seeking to reduce water use by about 5 percent through voluntary conservation measures. In a drought warning, we should be seeking to reduce water use by about 10-15% through voluntary conservation measures.

If you have any questions or we can be of assistance to you in any way, please feel free to contact our Water Use and Planning Section by e-mail at [droughtinfo@pa.gov](mailto:droughtinfo@pa.gov) or by telephone at 717.772.4048.

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