

Northern Delaware Drought Advisory Guidelines

Reported by the Drought Advisory Guidelines Subcommittee (DAGS), which is composed of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Delaware Geological Survey, and University of Delaware Water Resources Agency with input from the water purveyors and representatives from the landscaping industry. These drought operating guidelines are designed to provide guidance to the Delaware Water Supply Coordinating Council (WSCC) and the Governor's Drought Advisory Committee (GDAC). Responsibility for providing technical guidance for a move up to or down from Drought Watch is with the WSCC. Responsibility for providing technical guidance for a move up to or down from Drought Warning or Emergency is with the GDAC. Final declaration of drought advisories rests with the Governor.

Indicators	Drought Watch Voluntary Conservation	Drought Warning Voluntary Conservation	Drought Emergency Mandatory Restrictions	Status Feb. 28, 2017
Precipitation Wilmington Airport 12-month	-6.00" to -8.99"	-9.00" to -11.99"	>-12.00"	-6.47
Precipitation Wilmington Airport 6-month	-3.00" to -4.50"	-4.50" to -6.00"	>-6.00"	-4.35"
Brandywine Creek (30-day moving avg)	85 mgd	70 mgd	48 mgd	181.5 mgd
White Clay Creek - Stanton (30-day moving avg)	42 mgd	37 mgd	31 mgd	58.7 mgd
White Clay Creek - Newark (30-day moving avg)	19 mgd	16 mgd	13 mgd	27.4 mgd
Well Db24-18	14 - 14.99 (fbls)	15 - 15.99 (fbls)	16 (fbls)	14.69 (fbls)
Water Conditions Index	5.0-4.0	3.99-3.00	<3.00	5.05
Chlorides	WCC ≤ 37 mgd for 5 consecutive days at SUEZ Stanton Intake	Cl > 250 ppm for 3 days at Christina River at Newport	Cl > 250 ppm for 3 days at UWD Stanton Intake	56.8 ppm
Hoopes Reservoir (City of Wilmington)	-10 ft (68% capacity)	-12 ft (64% capacity)	-15 ft (57% capacity)	-6.9 ft (3/7/2017)
Newark Reservoir	-10 ft (70% capacity)	-17 ft (52% capacity)	-27 ft (28% capacity)	-2.5 ft (3/2/2017)
Monitored				
Aquifer Storage and Recovery	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	SUEZ: 37 mg (3/2/2017) AWC: 21 mg (1/25/2017)
Octoraro Reservoir (Chester Water Authority)	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	

Marsh Creek Reservoir	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	
Chlorides on the Delaware River 3/1/2017	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	Normal RM: 70 Current RM: 74
DRBC Lower Basin Drought Criteria	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	Delaware River Basin Drought Watch Lifted on 1/18/2017
NYC DRB Reservoirs (DRBC 3/2/2017)	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	Monitor Status	Storage 229 bg or 71 bg above drought watch

fbfs = feet below land surface
mg = million gallons
mgd = million gallons per day
RM = River Mile
bg = billion gallons

Delaware Geological Survey:
<http://www.dgs.udel.edu>

U.S. Geological Survey Streamflows:
<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/de/nwis/current/?type=flow>

Delaware River Basin Commission:
<http://www.state.nj.us/drbc>

Delaware Environmental Observing System
<http://www.deos.udel.edu>