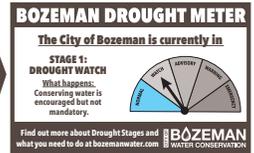


WHAT ABOUT? DROUGHT?

The City of Bozeman wants to keep you in the loop on current drought conditions. Keep an eye out in the Bozeman Chronicle, online at bozemanwater.com, and on social media for the **BOZEMAN DROUGHT METER**.



DON'T GET STAGE FRIGHT.

"Drought Stages" can sound a bit scary, but the point is to be aware and adjust our water use as needed. We're thinking ahead, and we've got a plan to keep our water supply healthy at every stage.

STAGE 1: DROUGHT WATCH

What happens:

Conserving water is encouraged but not mandatory.

In a Stage 1 drought we encourage everyone to pitch in and look for ways to save water in and around homes and businesses.

STAGE 2: DROUGHT ADVISORY

What happens:

Mandatory outdoor watering restrictions begin.

When Stage 2 drought hits, the City sets a few temporary rules. We ask everyone to water only on certain days and at the most efficient times, to forgo new plantings, and make other adjustments. At this stage, we include exceptions for new sod establishment.

STAGE 3: DROUGHT WARNING

What happens:

Lawn watering ban in effect, and other outdoor water use is restricted.

In Stage 3 drought, we require everyone to let their lawns go unwatered, only water gardens and trees on assigned days, and use a commercial car wash instead of washing cars at home. We ask hotels to restrict laundering, and restaurants to not serve water unless requested.

STAGE 4: DROUGHT EMERGENCY

What happens:

Water is rationed for essential uses only.

Stage 4 drought is unlikely, but we've got a plan, all the same. At this stage, we'd require everyone to refrain from watering lawns and gardens entirely (except trees)—including golf courses, parks and athletic fields. Other restrictions would include holding off on street cleaning and construction projects that require water.

HOW DOES DROUGHT AFFECT BOZEMAN'S WATER SUPPLY?

Bozeman's water supply, which comes from Hyalite Creek, Sourdough Creek, and Lyman Spring, depends entirely on snow pack. In the future, warmer temperatures may lead to more moisture arriving as rain instead of snow, earlier spring snowmelt and peak flows and drier summers. Plus, Bozeman is considered semi-arid and drought prone, receiving only 16 inches of precipitation annually.

Reduced snowpack from drought conditions could result in insufficient water supplies. The Drought Management Plan is designed to maximize available water supplies to maintain quality of life in the community during times of shortage.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

Even when we aren't in a drought stage, conserving water is our best defense against drought, and we encourage residents to pitch in.

Look to www.bozemanwater.com to find:

- **Our Water Smart Planting Guide:** This guide is tailored to our region and includes tips on the best ways to amend your soil, choose plants, and water efficiently.
- **Indoor Rebates:** The City of Bozeman will give you cash for upgrading to WaterSense® labeled clothes washers, toilets, and shower heads (plus WaterSense® products are great for your water bill, too).
- **Outdoor Rebates:** You can also earn rebates for installing high efficiency sprinkler system products and drought tolerant plants.
- **Water Conservation Tips:** Look for tips on saving water in and around your home and business.

Thanks for helping Bozeman watch out for drought. To read the City of Bozeman's Drought Management Plan and to find out more, visit www.bozemanwater.com

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