

RHODE ISLAND DROUGHT MITIGATION ACTIONS

Drought Phase: **Normal**

1. WRB staff collects basic weather and hydrological data.
2. USGS monitors surface and groundwater levels.
3. WRB staff works with municipalities on drought related policies for comprehensive plans.

Drought Phase: **Drought Advisory**

1. WRB staff communicates with public, municipalities and water suppliers about dry conditions.
2. WRB staff convenes DSC and recommends to the Governor to declare an advisory phase.
3. WRB staff develops press announcements.
4. WRB staff collects information and advises DSC on list of water restrictions.
5. WRB staff coordinates necessary meetings of the DSC to review information and circulate educational materials.
6. WR Board works with DEM and USGS in order to expand data collection and monitoring to measure stream flow and groundwater levels and to relay this data to farmers, golf courses, other water users and watershed councils in the affected watershed(s).
7. WRB staff forwards "Current Conditions" report to the DSC, general public, municipalities and major water suppliers.
8. WR Board develops and recommends statewide voluntary conservation measures and begins public awareness campaign on water conservation.
9. DEM-Agriculture mails listing of water conservation techniques to farmers, requests farmers to conserve, and initiates appropriate steps of the DAG Drought Response Plan for Agriculture (See Appendix B).
10. WRB staff offers technical assistance to water suppliers to enhance efficiency of major users.