

What about drought?

Drought is a very real thing here in Bozeman. We are a semi-arid and drought prone area, with only 16 inches of precipitation annually. Additionally, Bozeman's water supply is limited and relies on snowpack. 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.

Reduced snowpack during our winter months could result in insufficient water supplies for spring, summer, and into the following fall and winter.

We want you to be prepared and in the know on Bozeman's drought conditions.



WE HAVE A PLAN.

The City of Bozeman has put together a Drought Management Plan that provides a framework to monitor for drought conditions, drought stages, and recommended actions for each stage. If and when a drought stage is declared by the City, residents and businesses may be required to take action to ensure that we maintain a healthy water supply at every stage. We also have a drought surcharge that will go into effect and will vary by customer class, and for single homes, by water use tier levels. For more information about this surcharge visit www.bozemanwater.com and click the Drought Management button.

**STAGE 1:
DROUGHT WATCH**

Water use guideline: Conserving water is encouraged but is not mandatory.

Drought surcharge: Expect a rate increase of 0-21%.

What you need to do:

- We encourage everyone to pitch in and look for ways to save water in and around your home and business.
- Reducing outdoor water use is a great place to start.
- Reduce your water usage by 10%**.

**STAGE 2:
DROUGHT ADVISORY**

Water use guideline: Mandatory outdoor watering restrictions begin.

Drought surcharge: Expect a rate increase of 10-47%.

What you need to do:

- Reduce your water usage by 20%**.
- Outdoor watering may be limited to two days per week.
- Outdoor watering may be prohibited between 10am and 6pm.
- A City-wide watering schedule will be released.

**STAGE 3:
DROUGHT WARNING**

Water use guideline: Lawn watering ban is in effect and other outdoor watering is restricted.

Drought surcharge: Expect a rate increase of 11-100%.

What you need to do:

- Reduce your water usage by 30%**.
- Lawn watering may be banned.
- Existing trees, shrubs, and flower and vegetable gardens may be watered with hand held hose or low-volume, non-spray devices.

**STAGE 4:
DROUGHT EMERGENCY**

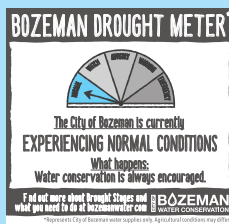
Water use guideline: Water is rationed for essential uses only.

Drought surcharge: Expect a rate increase of 11-200%.

What you need to do:

- Reduce your water usage by 40%**.
- Outdoor watering is not allowed.
- Use water for essential uses only.

Stay in the know on current drought conditions. Watch the Friday Bozeman Chronicle or visit us online or on social media for the Bozeman Drought Meter, www.bozemanwater.com.



WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

Even when we aren't in a drought stage, conserving water is our best defense against drought. Doing even one thing can make a difference. Visit www.bozemanwater.com and click on the water conservation button for information about what you can do to conserve water.

* Visit www.bozemanwater.com and click the Drought Management button for details on drought restriction guidelines for residences, businesses, and the City of Bozeman.
 ** The average Bozeman resident (one person) uses 111 gallons of water per day. Reducing your water use by 10% means using 11 less gallons/day; 20%=22 gallons/day; 30%=33 gallons/day; 40%=44 gallons/day.