



**City of Griffin Drought Update**  
**January 3, 2017 – Drought Level II**

Despite the recent rain, the City of Griffin and Spalding County remain in both the Extreme and Exceptional Drought Category with a deficit of 11.32 inches of rain since May 2016.

Due to this deficit, the additional OUT DOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS remain in place.

- Even numbered addresses may irrigate on Wednesday and Saturday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Odd number addresses may irrigate on Thursday and Sunday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

This declaration will be enforced until further notice.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this time of drought. If you have any questions, please contact us at 770-229-6603.

### What are the Drought Levels?

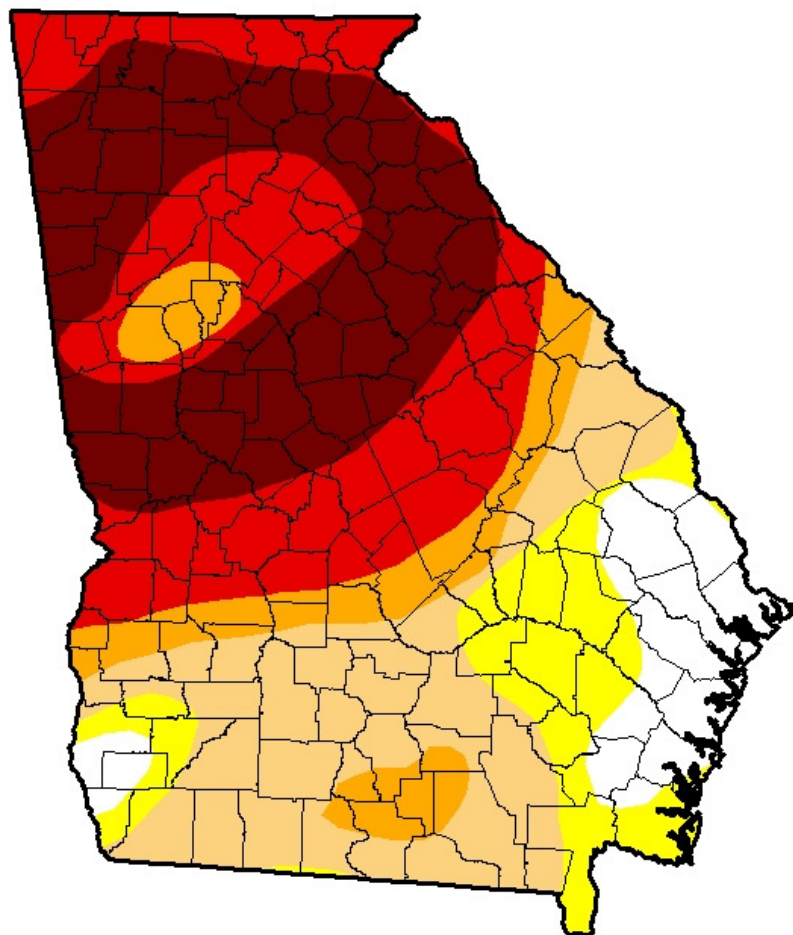
**Level One drought:** Requires public water systems to educate customers about conditions and encourages conservation.

**Level Two drought:** Limits outdoor watering to two days a week on an odd-even schedule. Even numbered addresses may water Wednesdays and Saturdays (4 p.m. to 10 a.m.); odd numbered addresses may water Thursdays and Sundays (4 p.m. to 10 a.m.). No water for outdoor fountains, car washes or power washing of homes

**Level Three drought:** Prohibits all outdoor irrigation of landscapes. Food gardens may be watered between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. (Soaker hoses and drip irrigation may be used any time.) Hand watering allowed during designated hours. Golf course irrigation limited.

# U.S. Drought Monitor Georgia

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	8.84	91.16	80.67	59.38	49.64	26.52
<b>Last Week</b> 12/20/2016	8.84	91.16	80.67	59.38	49.64	26.52
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 9/27/2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12/29/2015	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 9/27/2016	35.37	64.63	45.84	34.50	14.67	1.58
<b>One Year Ago</b> 12/29/2015	87.36	12.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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## What can you do?

Practice water conservation methods both inside and outside your home.

Check out EPA's [WaterSense](#) program for more ways to save water.

Please remember that **every drop counts!**

**BE WATER CONSCIOUS**

## Where can I find more information?

Call 770-229-6603 for questions or go to the United States [Drought Monitor](#) website for maps of drought areas and weekly drought updates.

## Drought Level II

Specific Categories of Outdoor Water Use. The outdoor water uses listed in **Rule 391-3-30-.03(1)(b)** shall be allowed.

1. Commercial agricultural operations as defined in **Code Section 1-3-3**;
2. Capture and reuse of cooling systems condensate or storm water in compliance with applicable local ordinances and state guidelines;
3. Reuse of gray water in compliance of **Code Section 31-3-5.2** and applicable local board of health regulations adopted pursuant thereto;
4. Use of reclaimed waste water by a designated user from a system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division of the department to provide reclaimed waste water;
5. Irrigation of personal food gardens;
6. Irrigation of new and replanted plant, seed, or turf in landscapes, golf courses, or sports turf fields during installation and for a period of 30 days immediately following the date of installation;
7. Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses;
8. Handwatering with a hose with automatic cutoff or handheld container;
9. Use of water withdrawn from private water wells or surface water by an owner or operator of property if such well or surface water is on said property;
10. Irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses, or public turf grass recreational areas;
11. Installation, maintenance, or calibration of irrigation systems; or
12. Hydroseeding.

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