



# Current Events

October 2021

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## Office closures for October

- All day Monday, October 11, in observance of Columbus Day
- Thursday, October 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a company meeting

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## Extreme Drought Persists; Please Continue to Conserve

While fall rains have eased Utah's (and the entire west's) exceptional drought conditions a bit, that doesn't mean we are out of the woods – far from it.

As the map and table below show, the area of exceptional drought has shrunk from over 68% of the state to a bit over 20% since January. This is to be expected as fall rains and cooler weather replace the exceptional heat and dryness of the past summer.

HOWEVER, over 88% of the state remains in a state of extreme

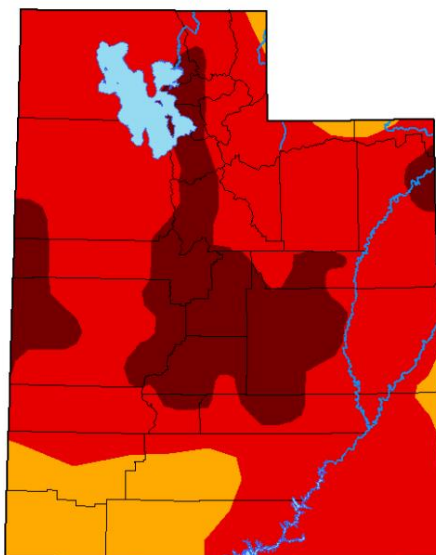
drought or worse, a figure that hasn't changed much over the past year.

The good news is that with your ongoing conservation efforts, WaterPro has enough remaining resources to continue providing water until the end of our pressure irrigation season on October 15.

The less good news is that the long-term forecast calls for a drier-than-average winter. With reservoirs already at historic lows, the water supply outlook for next year is not good. While we can't predict the future and we certainly hope the

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### U.S. Drought Monitor Utah



September 21, 2021  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	88.07	20.58
Last Week 09-14-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	88.07	20.84
3 Months Ago 06-22-2021	0.00	100.00	100.00	99.40	92.52	65.23
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	0.00	100.00	100.00	97.38	90.11	68.56
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	0.00	100.00	99.62	93.20	87.26	12.80
One Year Ago 09-22-2020	0.00	100.00	98.90	93.20	83.93	10.07

#### Intensity:

- None
- 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. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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## Ongoing Information about Fluoride

We have received many comments and questions about the upcoming decision on whether to discontinue adding fluoride to our drinking water. We appreciate your involvement in this important issue.

**We will be mailing ballots to our stockholders so you can participate in this decision. The ballots will be sent before our 2022 annual meeting to be held in March of next year.**

In the meantime, we will continue to provide information on both sides of this question via our website, email, and social media.

Thank you for your contributions and interest in *your* water company.

## Extreme Drought Persists – *cont'd from p. 1*

long-term forecast is too pessimistic, we must prepare for another hot, dry year in 2022.

We appreciate your conservation efforts through this long hot summer and ask all our customers to make water conservation a long-term habit. Here are some tips:

- **Get paid to conserve.** Learn about money-saving rebates on water conservation measures such as smart sprinkler controllers or low-flow plumbing fixtures. To learn more, visit Utah Water Savers (<https://utahwatersavers.com>).
- **Plan a lush water-wise landscape.** Saving water can be beautiful when you landscape with native plants, and winter

is the perfect time to dream and plan for next spring's plantings. The Conservation Garden Park (<https://conservationgardenpark.org>) has a wealth of resources on their web page, in addition to demonstration gardens at 8275 S 1300 West in West Jordan.

- **Maintain your systems.** Fix leaks inside your home and prevent leaks outside by properly winterizing your sprinkler system (see article below).

We appreciate your water conservation efforts so far and urge you to make them a permanent part of life. We live in a desert with a rapidly growing population, and conservation helps make sure our children can enjoy our beautiful valley into the future.

## Time to Winterize Your Sprinkler System

As our pressure irrigation season ends on October 15, it's time to put your sprinkler system to bed for the winter.

Why is winterizing necessary? In a climate like ours where the frost line extends deeper than most sprinkler pipes, any water left in the system can freeze in the pipes, causing them to crack and creating leaks – and possibly flooding – in the spring.

To avoid this, **shut off the sprinkler water supply at the stop and waste and drain any water from the system.**

**If you have a backflow device, please make sure it is winterized or else removed and placed inside to avoid freezing.**

To learn more, consult a landscaper or type “winterize sprinkler system” into a search engine.

## Thanks for Making our Stockholders' Meeting a Success

We would like to thank everyone who attended or returned their ballots so we were able to hold a valid meeting. All current directors were reinstated for their terms. We will hold the next stockholders' meeting in March 2022. If you are interested in running for a seat on our Board of Directors, watch for information in this newsletter and on our website.