



# Current Events

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## Office closures for October

Our office will be closed on the following date and time:

- Monday, October 10, closed all day in observance of Columbus Day
- Thursday, October 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a company meeting

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## Make Sure to Winterize Your Sprinkler System!

Don't let the beautiful fall weather fool you – winter is coming, and that means it's time to make sure your sprinkler system is ready for freezing temperatures.

The most important thing to remember is to shut off the water supply at the stop and waste valve and drain away any water left in the system. In our climate, the ground often freezes to a depth lower than the average sprinkler pipe, so if there is water left in the pipe it can freeze and expand, cracking the pipe. Then the system pressures up in the spring, the cracked pipes can leak and flood yards and homes.

Many systems are designed with built-in drains at the lowest points, so after you turn off the water supply, water will naturally drain out of the system. But it's safest not to rely on this passive drainage; the best way to winterize the system is to use compressed air to blow remaining water out of the pipes. Some handy people can do this themselves, but if you don't have the expertise, the equipment, and/or the time, call a qualified landscaper to do the job.

For more information, type "winterize sprinkler system" into any online search engine or contact your landscape contractor.



# Save Money While You Save Water: Apply for Rebates

This summer’s rain has helped our soil moisture levels, but unfortunately it hasn’t put an end to the multi-year megadrought currently affecting most of the western United States, as shown in the graphic below.

What can you do about the drought? Now that gardening and lawn-mowing season is ending, it’s a perfect time to plan for saving water by taking advantage of rebate programs

offered to residents of our area.

To find out what rebates are available and how to apply for them, go to <https://utahwatersavers.com>.

Here’s a short description:

- **Toilet replacement.** Old toilets are a leading cause of wasted water in Utah homes.
- **Smart controller rebates.** Smart controllers help you save money by

automatically adjusting watering schedules based on local weather and landscaping needs.

- **Localscapes rewards** gives you cash for installing or renovating a landscape that thrives in our climate.
- **Flip Your Strip** rewards homeowners who remove grass from park strips and replace it with water-efficient and beautiful alternatives.






Current U.S. Drought Monitor Conditions for Utah Get Alerts When Local Conditions Change

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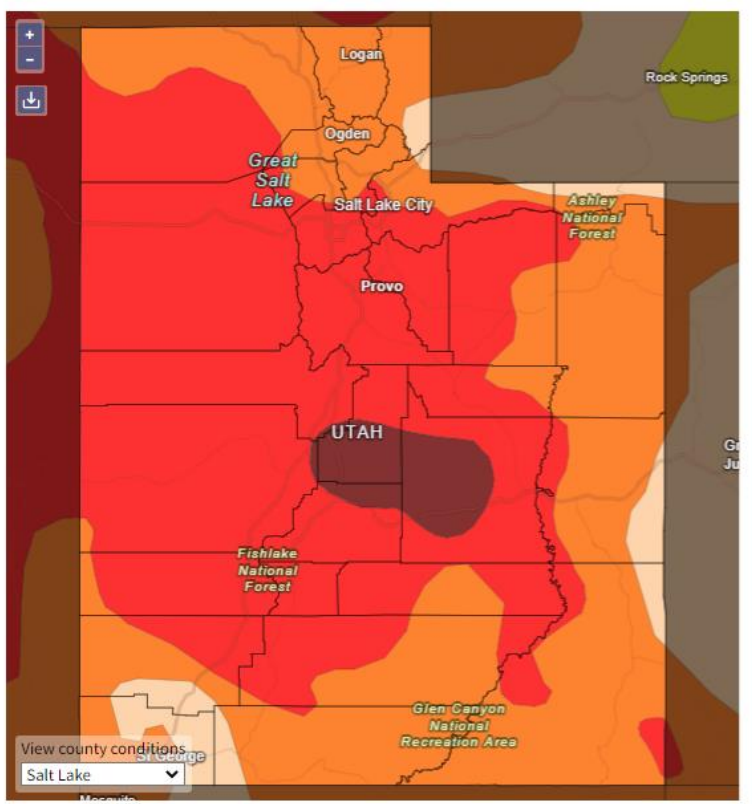
Current Last Week Last Month

The U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) is updated each Thursday to show the location and intensity of drought across the country. This map shows drought conditions across Utah using a five-category system, from Abnormally Dry (D0) conditions to Exceptional Drought (D4). The USDM is a joint effort of the National Drought Mitigation Center, USDA, and NOAA. [Learn more.](#)

The following state-specific drought impacts were compiled by the National Drought Mitigation Center. While these impacts are not exhaustive, they can help provide a clearer picture of drought in Utah.

	<b>D0 - Abnormally Dry</b> • Dryland crops are struggling • Water for cattle is limited	<b>100.0%</b> of UT (D0–D4)
	<b>D1 - Moderate Drought</b> • Soil moisture is low; winter wheat germination is poor • Feed for cattle is limited • Springs are drying	<b>100.0%</b> of UT (D1–D4)
	<b>D2 - Severe Drought</b> • Pasture and water is inadequate for cattle; ranching management practices change • Air quality is poor; dust is a problem • Streams and ponds are dry	<b>95.8%</b> of UT (D2–D4)
	<b>D3 - Extreme Drought</b> • Fire danger increases; fire bans on public land are implemented • Native vegetation is stressed • Streamflow is low	<b>56.6%</b> of UT (D3–D4)
	<b>D4 - Exceptional Drought</b> • Fire restrictions increase • Irrigation water allotments are cut	<b>3.6%</b> of UT (D4)

Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA



View county conditions

Salt Lake

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2.8 Million

people in Utah are affected by drought

29

counties with USDA disaster designations

31st

wettest August was in 2022, over the past 128 years

11th

driest year to date was in 2022, over the past 128 years