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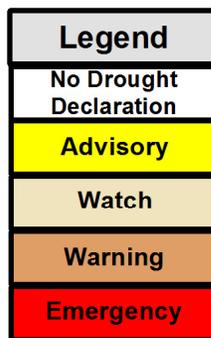
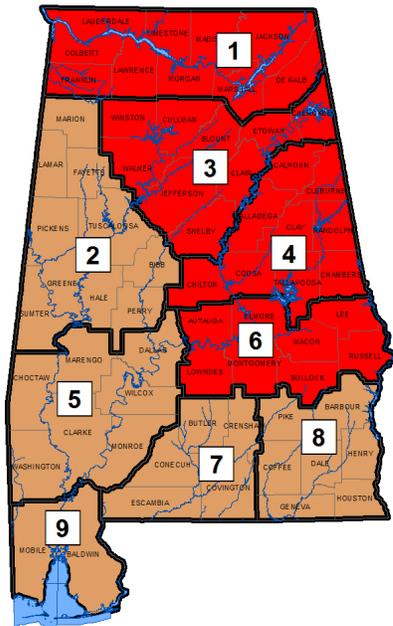


# For Public Dissemination Alabama Drought Declaration

In accordance with the Alabama Drought Planning and Response Act (Code of Ala. 1975, §9-10C-1, et seq.) and the Alabama Drought Management Plan, the ADECA Office of Water Resources (OWR), based on a review of current and anticipated conditions, has declared the following portions of Alabama to be under the specified drought declaration levels.

### Declaration Level

- Emergency**      **Regions 1, 3, 4, and 6 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Autauga, Blount, Bullock, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, DeKalb, Elmore, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lee, Limestone, Lowndes, Macon, Madison, Marshall, Montgomery, Morgan, Randolph, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Walker, and Winston
- Warning**        **Regions 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9 in the Alabama Drought Management Plan which includes the counties of:** Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Escambia, Fayette, Geneva, Greene, Hale, Henry, Houston, Lamar, Marengo, Marion, Mobile, Monroe, Perry, Pickens, Pike, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Washington, and Wilcox
- Watch**            **None**
- Advisory**        **None**
- None**                **None**



The state has experienced some relief from drought conditions over the last two weeks with widespread rainfall. As a result, there has been some short-term improvements in streamflows and groundwater levels in many locations. However, due to the expanse and intensity of the drought conditions, it will take sustained rainfall over a longer period of time to offset the overall impact of this year's drought. Water managers are urged to carefully monitor water sources and amend water conservation measures as needed. Public water system customers are encouraged to follow their local water system's recommendations regarding water use. All other water users should make prudent decisions on their water use to protect available water resources.

For further information, please visit our web site at <http://water.alabama.gov> and follow the links to the Office of Water Resources. You may also reach our office at (334) 242-5499, fax at (334) 242-0776, or e-mail at [water@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:water@adeca.alabama.gov).