

PRESS RELEASE

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Lincoln County, Oregon

State of Oregon Declares a Drought Emergency in Lincoln County

On July 10, 2025, the State of Oregon issued a State of Drought Emergency for Lincoln County. This follows a request from Lincoln County.

This declaration is mainly based on continuous low streamflows, low precipitation, and low soil moisture conditions. Drought conditions stress community drinking water supplies and increase wildfire potential. Natural resources, agriculture, forestry, and recreational sectors are experiencing economic impacts.

The Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium (Mid-Coast Water) encourages Lincoln County residents and visitors to reduce water waste, which will relieve pressure on our local streams. Below are some water-saving ideas:

Outdoor Water Conservation

- Limit watering lawns and plants. If needed, water during the cool hours of the early morning or evening.
- Minimize or avoid washing vehicles, pavement, decks, fences, and buildings.
- Delay filling and draining pools, hot tubs, and fountains.

Indoor Water Conservation

- Install water-efficient faucet aerators, showerheads, and toilets. (Check with your water provider about the availability of free water conservation items.)
- Reduce your shower time.
- Wait to run the dishwasher or laundry machine until you have full loads

Leak Repair and Detection

- Monitor your water bill for signs of unusually high water use.
- Check indoor fixtures for drips and signs of water damage.
- Check your irrigation system for leaks and repair them promptly.
- Read your water meter before leaving the house for several hours when no water is being used. If the meter number is different when you return, you have a leak.

Some water providers may implement water curtailment plans in response to drought conditions to reduce demand on strained water supplies. Businesses and residents should pay attention to messages from their water providers regarding water curtailment.



Visit www.midcoastwater.org or contact your local water provider for more drought and conservation information.



Mid-Coast Water is a group of water providers on the Mid-Coast working together to promote water conservation to improve resiliency to droughts and water supply emergencies, and to increase coordination among water providers on the Mid-Coast. For more information about Mid-Coast Water, contact Suzanne de Szoeko at 541-257-9006 or sdeszoeko@gsiws.com.