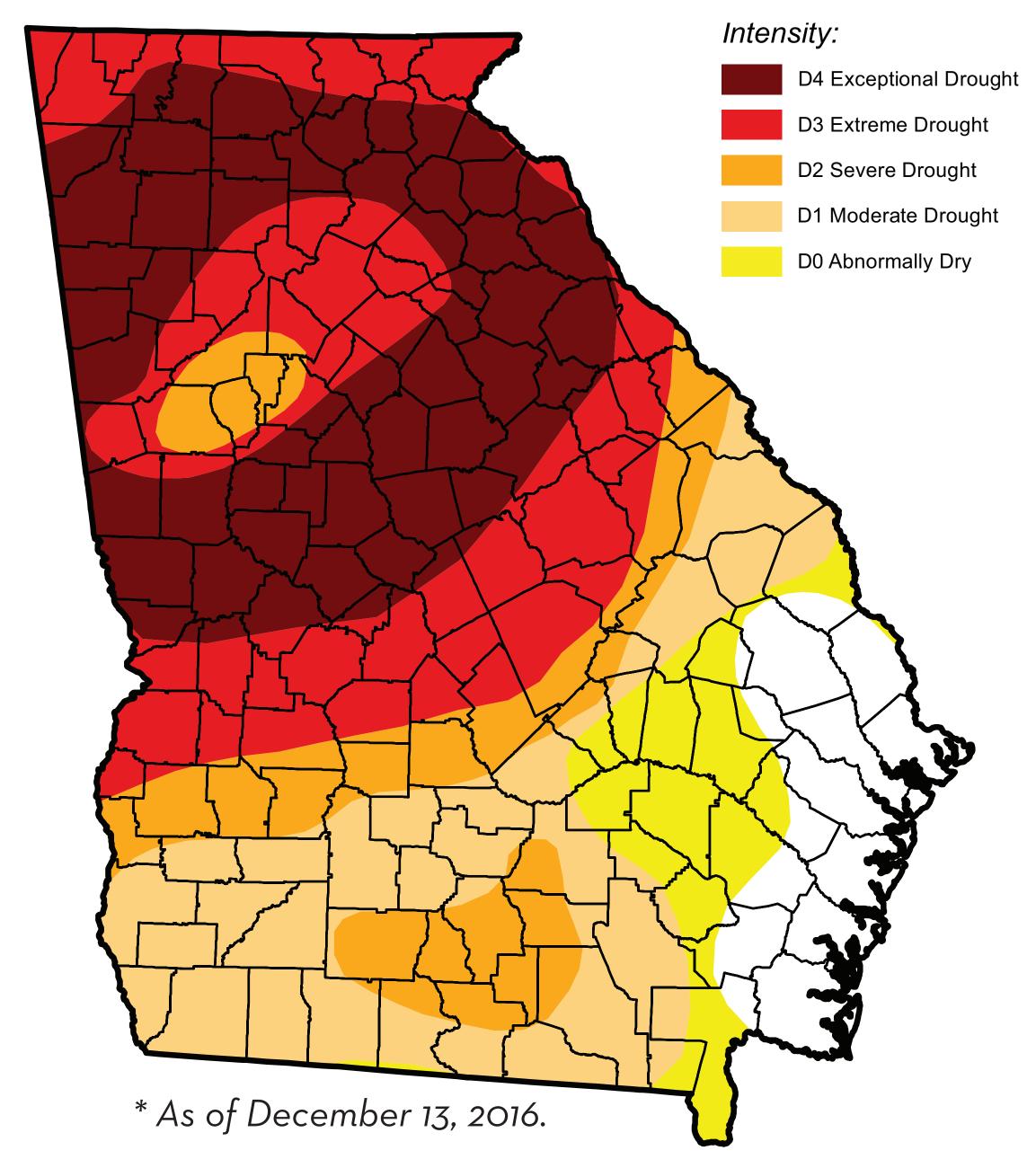


# Level 2 Drought Response – Residential Fact Sheet December 15, 2016

Georgia's Environmental Protection Division has declared a Level 2 drought response for Metro Atlanta. Despite recent rains, the Atlanta region remains in a severe drought. Between March and November, about 23 inches of rain fell in Atlanta, more than 13 inches below average. Experts predict dry, warm weather is likely to persist through the winter.

We must prepare for a possible multiyear drought and should conserve our water resources accordingly.

#### State of Georgia Drought Conditions\*



#### We all must do our part to use water wisely.

## Outdoor Watering Restrictions for lawns, gardens and trees

- Only as needed, up to Twice a week (even addresses and sites with no numbered address on Wednesday or Saturday and odd addresses on Thursday or Sunday)
- Only before 10 AM and after 4 PM

For current drought conditions and drought response information specific to your city or county visit northgeorgiawater.org/drought-status/

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY



**Only water as needed.** In the fall and winter months, outdoor plants need less water. Water when plants show signs of distress (curling, wilting, graying foliage).

## What's NOT Allowed

- » Washing streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways
- » Ornamental uses, such as fountains and waterfalls
- » Washing vehicles (cars, boats, etc.) at home
- » Non-commercial washing or pressure washing
  » Charity, or non-commercial fund-raiser, car washes

#### What's Allowed\*

- » Irrigation of personal food gardens
- » Irrigation of new and replanted seed, turf or plants for a period of 30 days following installation

## Water Conservation Tips

» Check and repair leaks inside and outside the home.» Shorten showers and turn off water when shaving or

brushing teeth.

- » Fill dishwashers and washing machines. Make sure there is a full load every time.
- » Replace older toilets and shower heads with high efficiency models. If your home was built before 1994, you may qualify for a toilet rebate.
- » Choose efficient appliances. Look for EPA WaterSense and ENERGY STAR labeled products when shopping for new appliances and fixtures.

Watering with drip irrigation or soaker hose
 Hand watering, including hoses with shut-off nozzle

\*Not subject to the watering restrictions

» Scrape dishes before washing them. Avoid using the

garbage disposal. It wastes a lot of water and can contribute to pipe clogs.

#### Find more conservation tips at mydropcounts.org

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