



Colusa County Inter-Agency Drought Task Force

On May 10, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in 41 California counties (including Colusa) related to the current drought conditions in California. The state is currently experiencing its driest year on record since 1977, and local groundwater levels are at an all-time low. It is important to prepare for potential drought-related well problems so homeowners are not caught off-guard. Shallow wells (less than 200 feet) are most at risk especially during the summer (June-October) when groundwater levels are at their lowest. Below are some actions you should take now, and on the back page you will find local resources and contact information.

Drought Preparedness – What To Do Now

- **Determine the condition of your well.** Know your well depth, pump or bowl depth, and water levels, both static and pumping levels. This information will tell you the condition of your well and if it is on the verge of going dry.
- **Test water quality in your well regularly.** Water quality can change due to water level fluctuations. As water levels decrease, potential contaminants may become more concentrated. Regularly testing for water quality is important for you and your families' health.
- **Stockpile enough bottled water for a minimum 7-day household supply**
- **Develop a family plan to address potential well outages**
 - Have the number of a local well repair company handy
 - Identify a company that sells or rents water tanks
 - Identify a source of trucked-in water
- **Develop a plan to supply water for pets and livestock in case of a well outage**
- **Communicate your drought preparedness plans with your neighbors and work together**

What To Do If Your Domestic Well Goes Dry

- **Call a local well repair service** to diagnose the problem, and fix it if possible
- If you are a private homeowner with a domestic well that has lost water due to drought, you may be eligible to participate in a **Household Water Tank Program**. For more information on this program, contact the Colusa County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services at 530-458-0218.
- **Fill out the Well Outage Report Form** found at <https://countyofcolusa.org/684/Drought> and submit to:
Water Resources Division, Colusa County Community Development Department
- **Check with your neighbors on the status of their domestic wells and let them know about your situation**

See next page for drought assistance resources



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Resources for Local Assistance

- **Information on Your Well Construction** (depth of well, etc.) - Your **well log, or well completion report** will give you information about your well's construction. You can obtain your well log from :
 - Water Resources Division, Colusa County Community Development Department
 - Colusa County Environmental Health
- **Well Permits** –
 - Colusa County Environmental Health
- **Well Repair Services** -
 - Online Resource: <https://wellowner.org>
 - You can also do a google search for well repair companies in Colusa County
- **Potable Water** -
 - The State requires companies that transport potable water be licensed on an annual basis. You can find the most current licensee list on the California Department of Public Health website: [Water \(ca.gov\)](http://Water.ca.gov)

Colusa County Resources

- Colusa County Sheriff's Office, **Office of Emergency Services** – 530.458.0218
- Colusa County Department of **Environmental Health** – 530.458.0395
- Colusa County Community Development Department, **Water Resources Division** - 530.458.0719
- Colusa County **Public Works** – 530.458.0466
- Colusa County Department of **Public Health** – 530.458.0380
- **City of Colusa Public Works** – 530.458.4941
- **City of Williams Public Works** – 530.473.2519

Online Drought Information

- California Office of Emergency Services: <http://caloes.ca.gov>
- Department of Water Resources: <https://www.water.ca.gov/Water-Basics/Drought>
- CDFA Drought Resources: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/drought/>
- U.S. Drought Monitor: <https://www.drought.gov/states/california>
- Save Our Water: <http://saveourwater.com/>