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Lincoln County Declares Drought Emergency

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners declared a drought emergency on July 2, 2025, and will be asking Governor Tina Kotek to do the same. A State Drought Declaration would make essential tools and resources available to local communities affected by drought conditions.

Low streamflows, low precipitation, and deteriorating soil moisture conditions were the ultimate drivers of the drought declaration. These conditions are expected to significantly affect the agriculture, forest, recreation, and natural resources sectors of the local economy. Drought conditions also strain drinking water supplies and increase wildfire potential.

The Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium (Mid-Coast Water) encourages Lincoln County community members to act now to conserve water. Below are some tips to reduce water waste:

- Limit lawn watering to once a week at most.
- Minimize irrigation of gardens and landscapes.
 - Set timed systems to irrigate in the cooler hours (between 9 pm to 7 am).
- Increase the efficiency of your irrigation system:
 - Aim sprinklers away from paved surfaces.
 - Fix leaks in your irrigation system.
 - Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses.
- Avoid using water to wash vehicles or outdoor surfaces such as pavement or decks.
- Find and repair indoor leaks and drips.
- Install efficient water fixtures, like showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Wait to run the dishwasher or washing machine until you have a full load.

Contact your water provider or visit its website to check if free water conservation items are available.

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



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



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 Szoeki at 541-257-9006 or sdeszoeki@gsiws.com.