



DROUGHTS & HEAT WAVES

Take proper precautions during a heat wave or drought. Use this guide to stay safe.

When Droughts Are Most Common

- ✓ Extended periods of low rainfall
- ✓ Summer months when temperatures rise significantly

Warning Signs

- ✓ Prolonged absence of rainfall
- ✓ Rising temperatures for an extended period
- ✓ Decreasing water levels in lakes, rivers, and reservoirs

Preparing Your Home

- ✓ Install energy-efficient cooling systems
- ✓ Ensure proper insulation to reduce indoor temperatures
- ✓ Fix leaks and use water-efficient appliances
- ✓ Clear your property of debris

Keeping Your Pets Safe

- ✓ Make sure they have adequate food and water
- ✓ Bring them inside, and make sure they have a covered outdoor area to seek shelter from the sun

Keeping Livestock and Farmland Safe

- ✓ Ensure your animals have sufficient water and food
- ✓ Provide shaded areas to escape the heat
- ✓ Regulate the temperature of your livestock shelter either through air conditioning and fans, or by making sure there is free air flow by opening windows and doors

Staying Cool and Hydrated

- ✓ Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water
- ✓ Use cooling devices such as fans or air conditioning
- ✓ Avoid strenuous outdoor activities during peak heat hours



What To Do In Case Of Emergency

- ✓ Follow water use restrictions
- ✓ Be aware of heat-related illnesses
- ✓ Stay informed about local conditions and heat advisories
- ✓ Stay inside during the hottest hours of the day

Building An Emergency Kit



- ✓ Adequate water supply for each person
- ✓ Sunscreen, hats, and lightweight clothing
- ✓ Emergency medical supplies
- ✓ Non-perishable food items