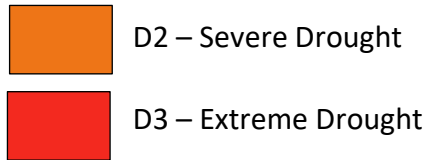


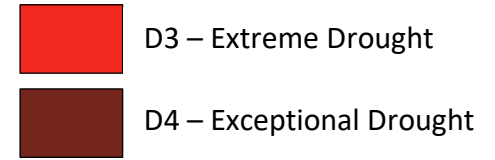
Drought In Nevada County



Drought Stages on 2022-07-19



Drought Stages on 2021-10-19



As of July 19, 2022, almost **20 percent of Nevada County was in extreme drought**. (See map above.) Only above-average rainfall in April (after virtually no rain January through March) have allowed our current drought conditions to be slightly better than this time last year.

We don't know what drought conditions may be this fall. For almost all of August through October of last year, almost **60 percent of Nevada County was in exceptional drought**, the most dire stage. (See map above.) Whether or not conditions this fall turn out to be that dire, we can prepare for that possibility. Scientists predict that drought in California (and much of the world) will become more frequent and more extreme. Whatever actions you take to garden in drought, you'll be more ready for the future.

Map source: www.drought.gov
 (Shortcut to maps for Nevada County: https://bit.ly/MGNC_drought)



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Watering Strategies for Drought-Adapted Plants at Different Stages

New Plant	First Year	Second Year	Mature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drip irrigation...except overhead for grasslands, meadows, steep slopes ▪ Water 2x week until rains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keep root ball moist 1st 3 months ▪ If rains stop, resume watering ▪ Low-water: At least weekly ▪ Regular: 2x week ▪ Bulbs: For most — no water! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low-water: Every 2 wks ▪ Regular: 1x week deeply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drought-adapted plants: No water ▪ Low-water: Occasionally as needed, deeply ▪ Regular: 1x week deeply ▪ Expecting heat wave? 3-4 days before