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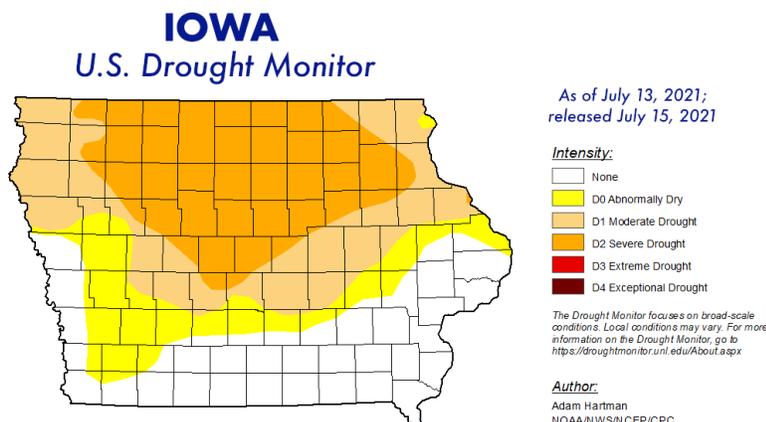
STILL ADVISING SMART WATER MEASURES

WDMWW Lifts Stage 1 Water Shortage Plan Provisions

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa (July 15, 2021) — West Des Moines Water Works announced today that it is lifting the Stage 1 Water Shortage Plan provisions implemented on June 14, 2021. This decision follows the action taken by Des Moines Water Works and other metro water utilities.

Although the call for voluntary reductions in irrigation and outside watering are no longer in place, **Christina Murphy**, general manager, underscored that WDMWW continues to request that customers employ “Use Water Wisely” measures including watering on every other day while avoiding irrigation usage on Mondays.

“The recent rains have brought welcomed relief from the extremely hot and dry temperatures of June and early July that affected the flow and levels of the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers,” Murphy explained. “We thank our customers for their response to the call to reduce usage. Their efforts combined with the recent precipitation have helped avoid the need for additional actions and restrictions.”



The **U.S. Drought Monitor** released today showed that conditions improved in Iowa with 29 percent of the state being drought-free compared with only 17 percent a week ago. The amount of the state considered “Abnormally Dry to Severe Drought” declined from 82.89 percent to 70.92 percent.

“We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates to our customers as necessary,” Murphy added. “We still have a lot of summer left, and we continue to emphasize and support the metro-wide Use Water Wisely initiative.”

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WDMWW produces drinking water from a combination of deep and shallow wells, and as a result the water treated at its A.C. Ward Municipal water is not affected by drought and surface water conditions. The utility, however, purchases approximately 30 percent of the water it distributes from DMWW.

“Our drinking water remains safe and the supply ample and available,” Murphy said.

The West Des Moines Water Works is owned by the citizens of West Des Moines and governed by a five-member Board of Trustees. Appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council for staggered six-year terms, the trustees formulate policies and govern the operations of the water utility. Managed by a professional staff, West Des Moines Water Works is supported solely by the revenues it generates by supplying water to the community’s residents and businesses. The utility treats up to 10 million gallons of water per day, sourced from a combination of four deep wells and 17 shallow wells.

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