

# Drought Conditions - Update 9/27/2022

RAINFALL DURING THE PAST WEEK CONTINUES TO PROVIDE RELIEF FROM THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN CONNECTICUT...BELOW NORMAL PRECIPITATION AND SLIGHTLY BELOW NORMAL TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 7 DAYS...

Total rainfall for the past 7 days has generally ranged from 1.0" - 2.0" across the state. The heaviest rain has fallen in the NW hills and eastern Connecticut where over 2" was received in a few towns. Lower amounts of less than 1" were received in Fairfield county. The U.S. Drought Monitor has eliminated the remaining D3 designation in southeastern Connecticut. Reservoir levels are currently at 73% of capacity. Fire danger is low today and the 90-day rainfall deficit remains around 0.0".

The GFS and other models are forecasting very few opportunities for showers or thunderstorms during the next 7 days. A few showers are possible this afternoon and again on Wednesday afternoon. Total rainfall during the next 7 days is forecast to average around 0.25" for Connecticut. Some locations may see slightly more rain while others may see no rain at all. Temperatures are forecast to cool from their present levels to slightly below normal by the end of the week.

Hurricane Ian which is located southwest of Jamaica this morning is forecast to move towards western Florida later this week. However, Ian is not a threat to our area at this time.

The next update will be sent out by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on Monday, October 3rd.

For more information on the current drought declaration and drought related information, please go to the Water Planning Council website at Drought Home ([ct.gov](https://www.ct.gov)).