

# Current Drought Status

Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire

As of August 1, 2017

**Normal**

**Voluntary Lawn Watering Practices  
are Recommended**

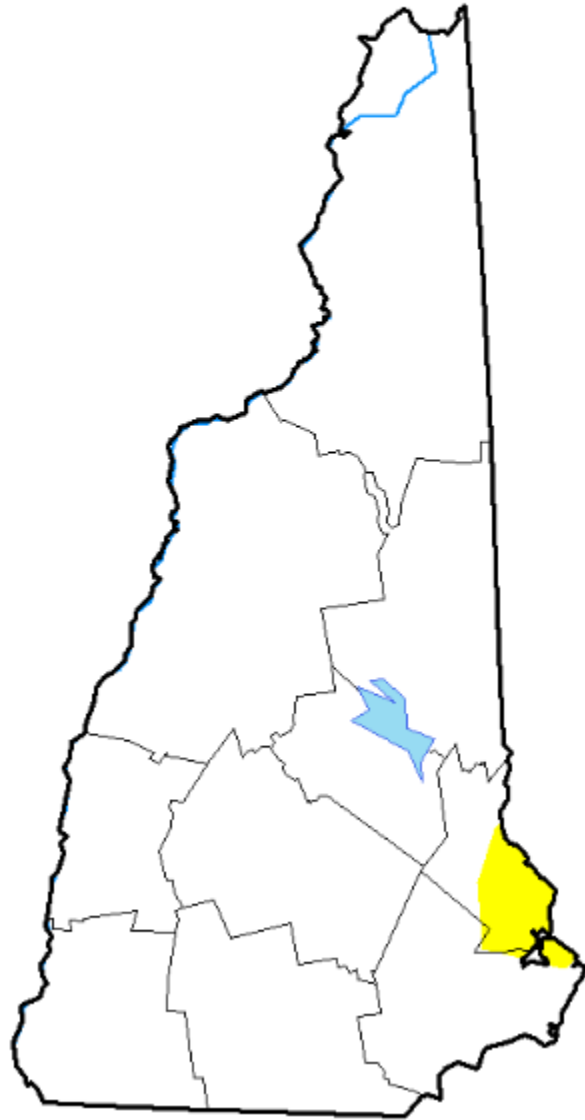
# Drought Summary

## August 2017

- Drought conditions have dissipated in Aquarion's service territory
- Precipitation over the last six months has been close to normal and has relieved the Severe Drought conditions of last summer and fall
- Aquarion customers are being asked to be good stewards of the local water resources by observing efficient lawn watering practices.
  - Using water wisely will help minimize the probability of Mandatory Water Use Restrictions later this summer.






# U.S. Drought Monitor

## New Hampshire



Statewide  
Drought  
Conditions  
as of  
July 25

*Intensity:*

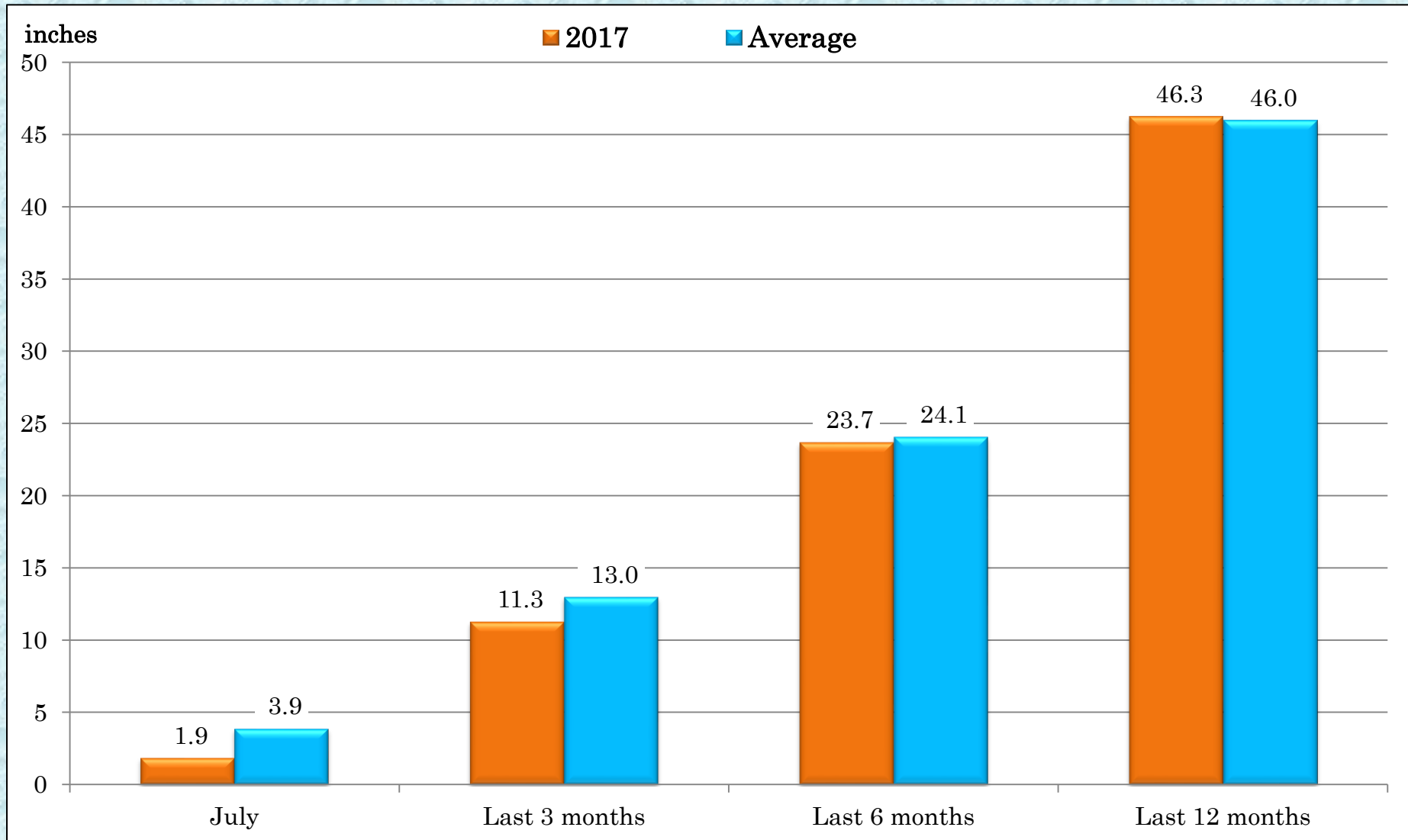
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

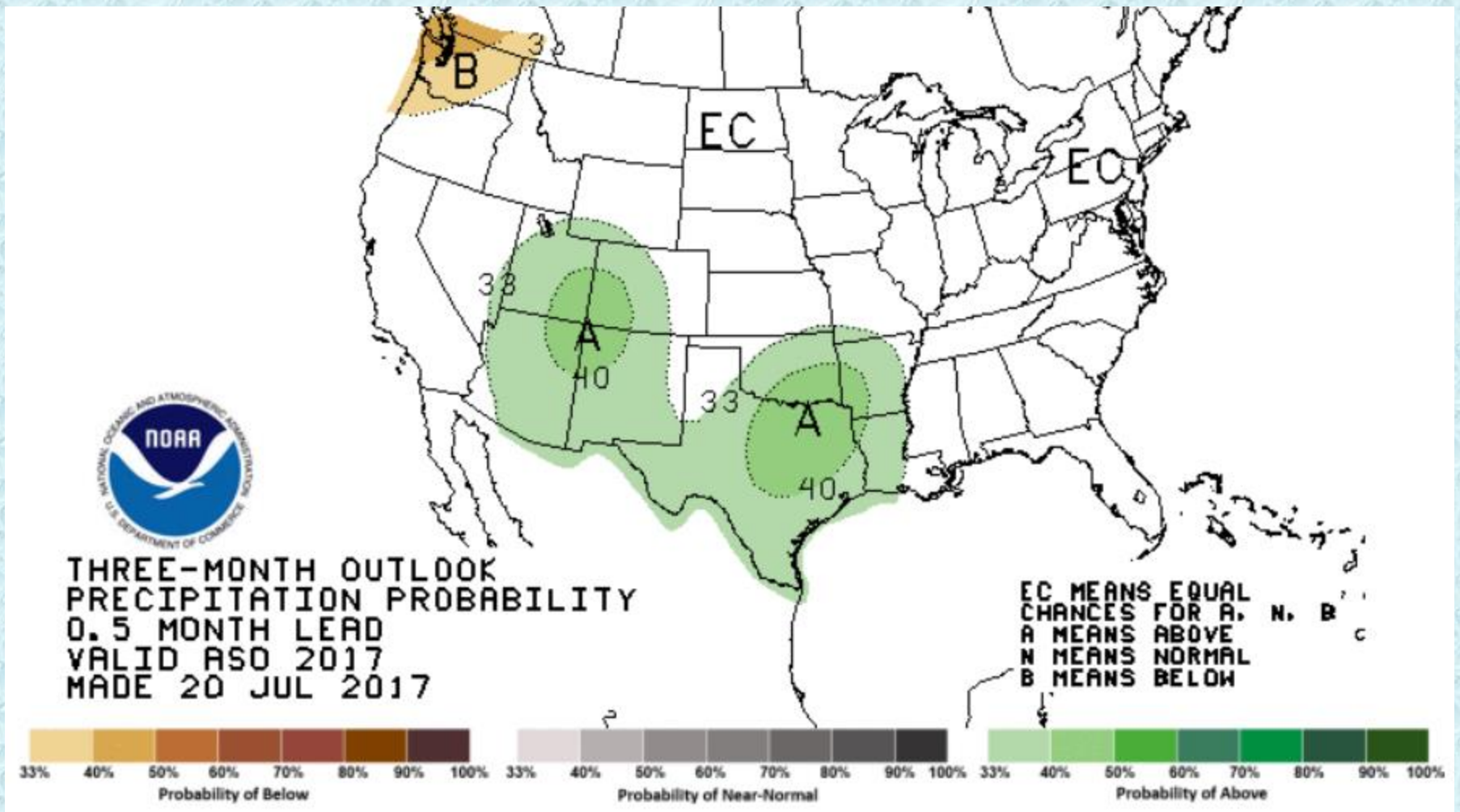


<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

# Local Precipitation Data (through June 30, 2017)



# Precipitation Forecast for August through October 2017



Source: [http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/multi\\_season/13\\_seasonal\\_outlooks/color/churchill.php](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/multi_season/13_seasonal_outlooks/color/churchill.php)

# Voluntary Lawn Watering Practices

Conserve water, reduce your water bill and help avoid mandatory water use restrictions by following these guidelines.

## Lawn watering guidance:

Unmanned, spray lawn watering systems can be one of the most inefficient outside water uses. Make every drop count by doing the following:

- Don't overwater.
  - 1-inch of water per week is sufficient to keep lawns green and healthy. Use a rain gauge to measure how much water, both from rain fall and irrigation, actually falls on your lawn. Do not water when it is not needed.
  - Ensure that sprinkler systems do not run within 3 days of the last rain storm.. Postpone lawn watering if rain is forecast within the next day or so.
  - Use smart irrigation technology that senses rainfall to avoid overwatering.
  - Water no more than twice per week; a half-inch per watering.
- Water the grass, not the road, driveway, sidewalk, and other impervious surfaces.
- Water between sunrise and 9 am to minimize evaporation.

## For other outside water uses

- Water small gardens, flowers & ornamentals by hand; use non-potable water
- Use a rain barrel to capture rain for watering plants

