

Current Drought Status

Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire

As of May 15, 2017

Normal

**Voluntary Lawn Watering Practices
are Recommended**

Drought Summary

May 15, 2017

- Drought conditions have eased in Aquarion's service territory
- Precipitation over the last six months has been above 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



New Hampshire Drought Conditions

Intensity:

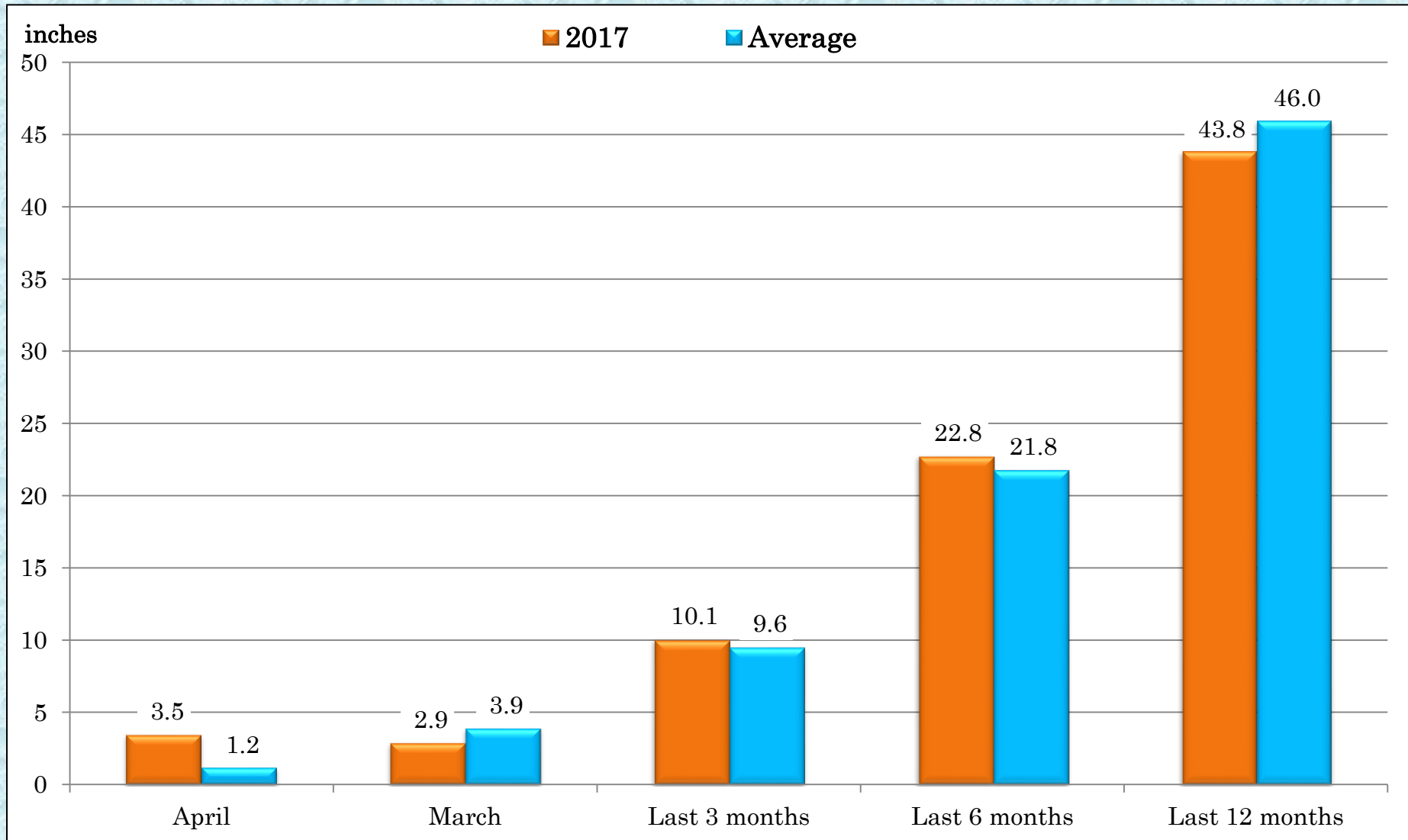
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

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



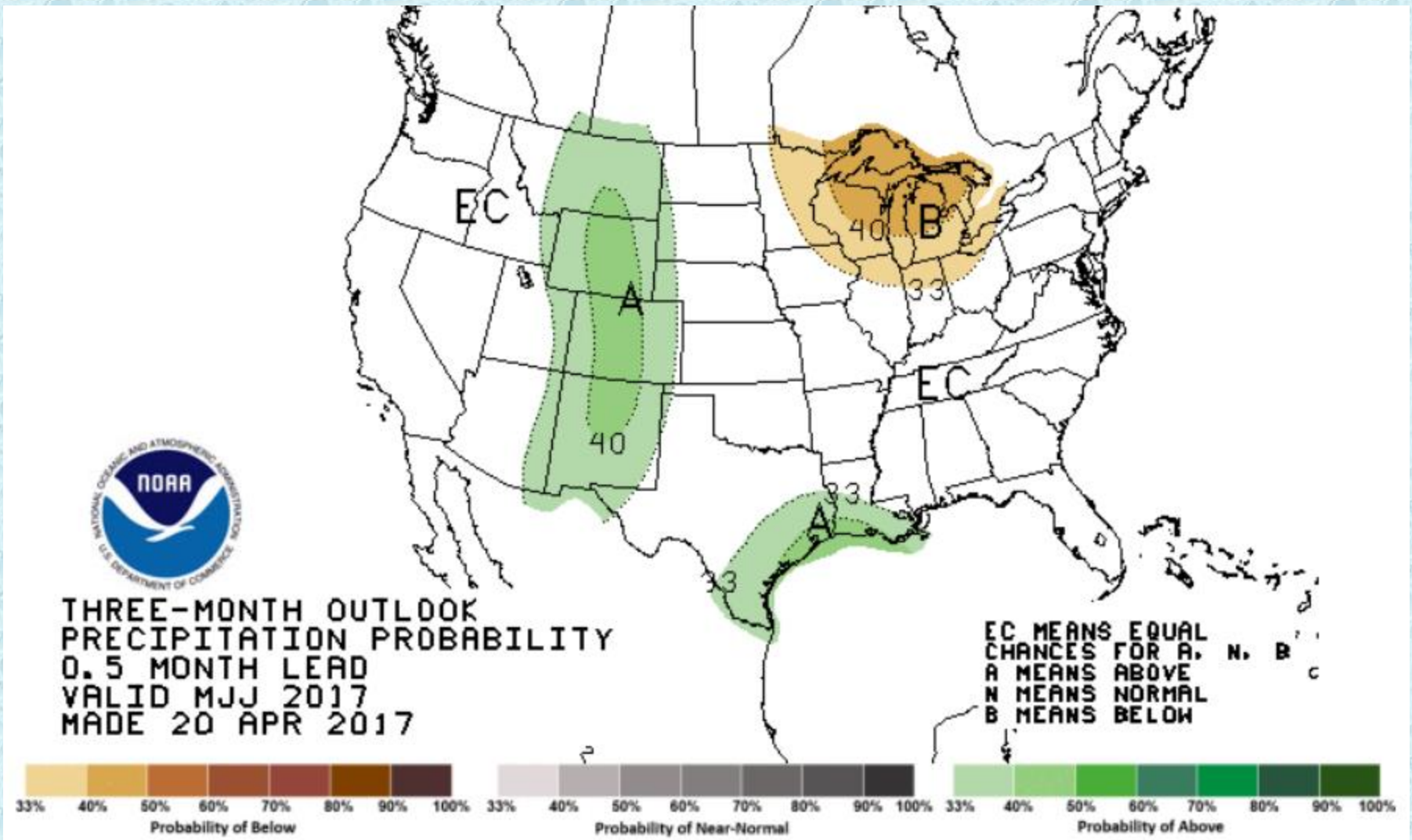
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

Local Precipitation Data (through April 30, 2017)



Precipitation Forecast for May through July 2017

Source: 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
- Go to http://www.skyjuice.us/html/nh_aquarion_water_co_.html to order a rain barrel, or purchase one at a local hardware store or garden center

