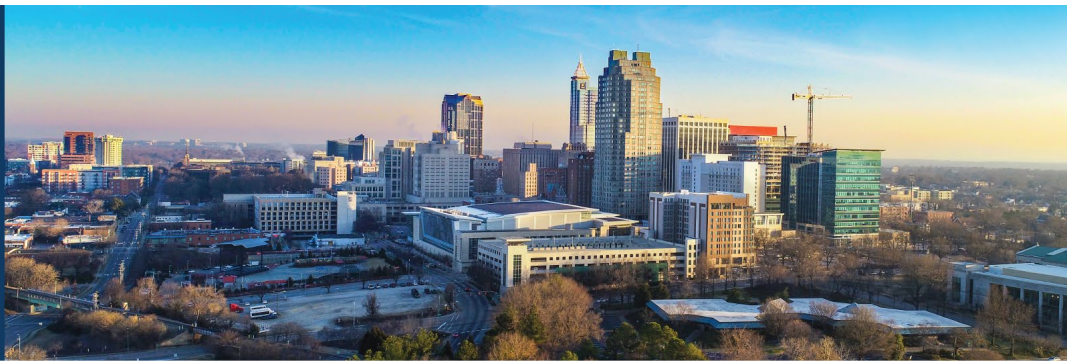


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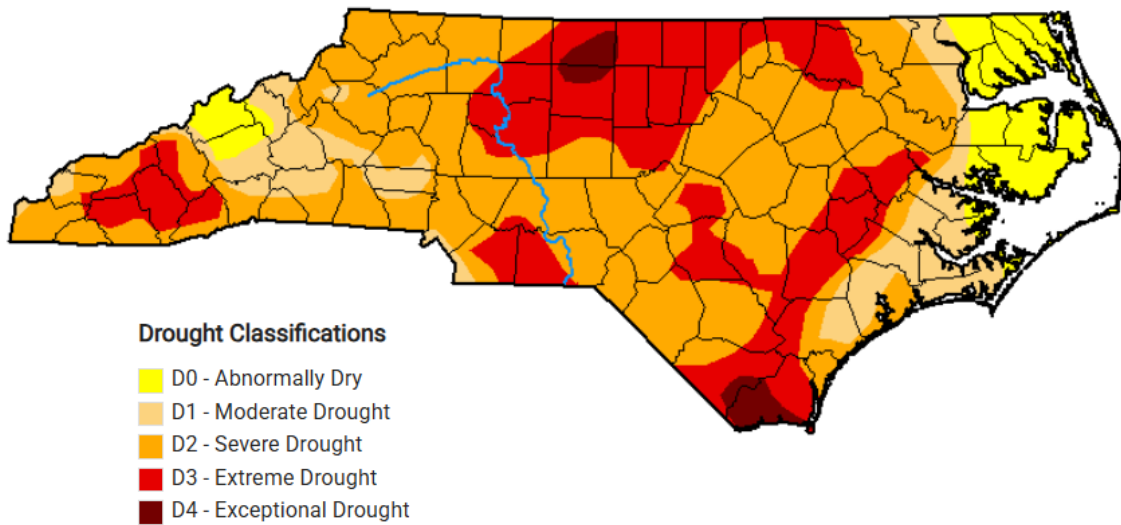
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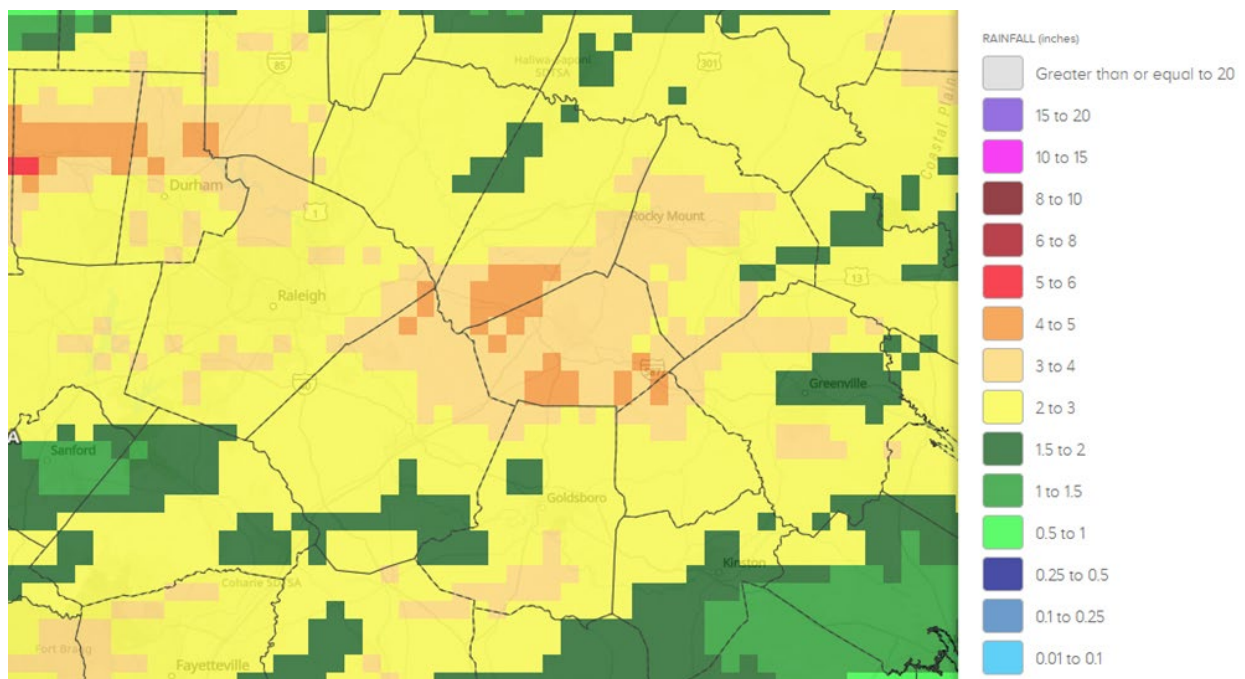
Staff Resource: Ed Buchan, Raleigh Water, 996-3471, edward.buchan@raleighnc.gov

An updated drought map was issued on July 21, and no areas of the Falls Lake watershed are within a D4-Exceptional Drought designation due to the rainfall events earlier in the week. Additional heavy rainfall occurred on July 23 (see rainfall map below) which will further improve drought conditions next week, and the Falls Lake level has increased from 246.15' on July 20 to 247.96' (1.81 feet) and continues to rise. Based on the update from the US Army Corps of Engineers on July 20, the water supply pool at Falls Lake was at 66% and will likely increase significantly by the next update on July 27. Meteorological models continue to suggest central NC could receive average or slightly above average rainfall for the next 2 weeks. Longer term, this area is expected to receive an average amount of rainfall, although tropical storms are more likely to impact North Carolina in the late Summer and Fall.

Based on daily water pumpage data this week, the average demand was 57.51 million gallons per day, which continues the trend of reduced demand compared to June and the previous weeks. To date, 2,245 warning letters, eight \$50 civil penalties and two \$200 civil penalties have been issued and one irrigation account has been disconnected.



2-Day Rainfall Estimates:



(No Attachment)

Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

(Attachment)

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, July 24 – Thursday, July 30

City of Raleigh Special Events and Hospitality
specialevents@raleighnc.gov | 919-996-2200 | raleighnc.gov/special-events-office

Permitted Special Events

[Hillsborough Street Makers & Music Series](#)

Logan Court & Compiegne Park

Friday, July 24

Event Time: 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Associated Road Closures: Logan Court between Chamberlain and Hope streets will be closed and Compiegne Park will be used from 3:00pm until 11:00pm.

[GalaxyCon Raleigh](#)

Raleigh Convention Center & Cabarrus Street

Friday, July 24 – Sunday, July 26

Event Time: Friday & Saturday, 10:00am – 1:00am; Sunday, 10:00am – 8:00pm

Associated Road Closures: W. Cabarrus Street between S. McDowell and S. Salisbury streets will be closed from 9:00am until 8:30pm on 7-24-26 and 7-25-26, and 9:00am until 6:30pm on 7-26-26.

[Taste of Soul NC](#)

Fayetteville Street

Sunday, July 26

Event Time: 1:00pm – 8:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Martin Street and the south end of City Plaza and Davie Street between S. Salisbury and S. Wilmington streets will be closed from 9:00am until 10:00pm.

Other Upcoming Events

[Clue \(High School Edition\)](#)

Friday, July 24 – Sunday, August 9

Raleigh Little Theatre

[Birds After Bloom](#)

Saturday, July 25

Dix Park, Sunflower Field

[Artifacts: Storytelling Through Material Forms Closing Reception](#)

Saturday, July 25

Pullen Arts Center

[Noah Kahan](#)

Saturday, July 25

Carter Finley Stadium

[Summer Intensive – Carolina Ballet](#)

Saturday, July 25

Fletcher Opera Theater

[The Bubble Fest](#)

Sunday, July 26

Moore Square

Summer Concert Series

Sunday, July 26
Fred Fletcher Park

Downtown Raleigh Restaurant Week

Through Sunday, July 26
Downtown Raleigh

Summer Safety Series: Trail Safety

Tuesday, July 28
Millbrook Exchange Park

Bob Dylan

Tuesday, July 28
Red Hat Amphitheater

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Wednesday, July 29
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

O.A.R.

Wednesday, July 29
Red Hat Amphitheater

Live After 5

Thursday, July 30
Moore Square

Public Resources

Event Feedback Form: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

Road Closure & Road Race Map: A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

Online Events Calendar: View all currently scheduled events that impact city streets, public plazas, and Dix Park.

New Amplified Noise Ordinance Takes Effect January 2026

The City Council approved a [new amplified noise ordinance](#), which went into effect Jan. 1, 2026. Stadiums, arenas, and outdoor sports or entertainment venues, including amphitheaters, are exempt. Parades, outdoor events, races, festivals, and concerts that receive a permit from the Office of Special Events are also not subject to the ordinance.