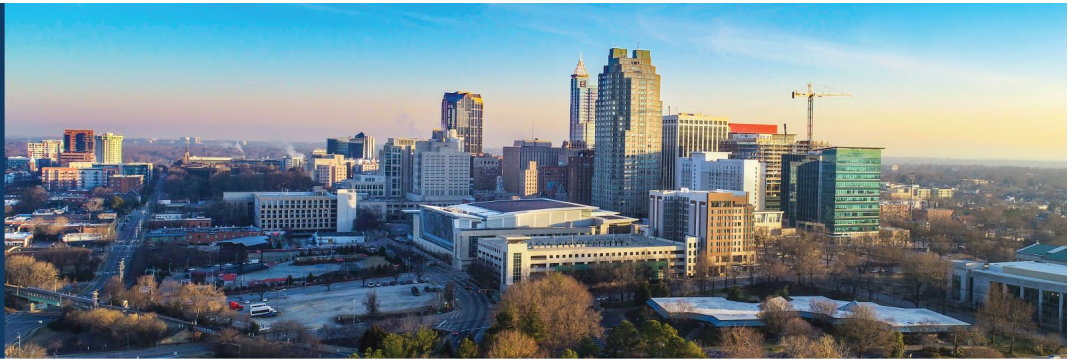


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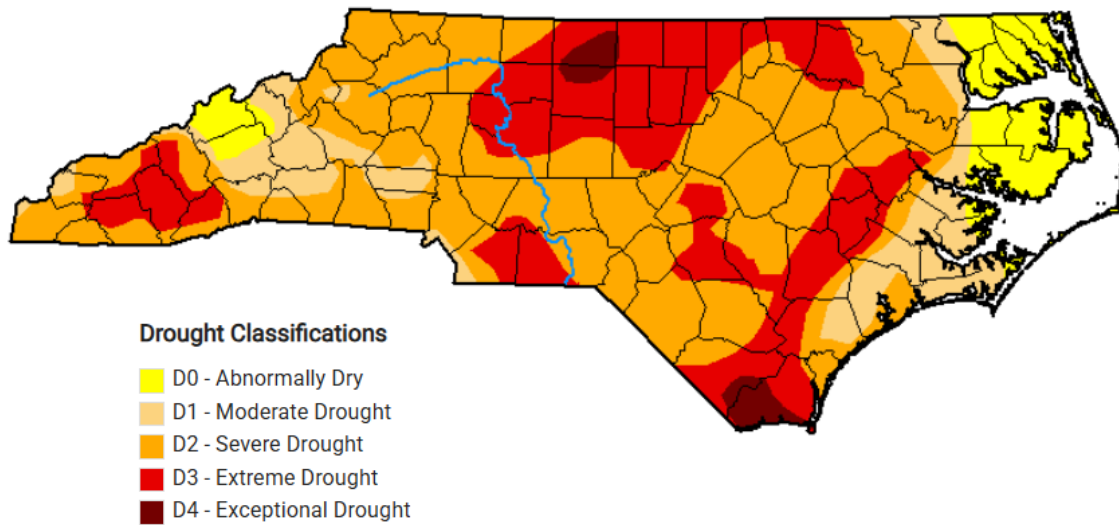
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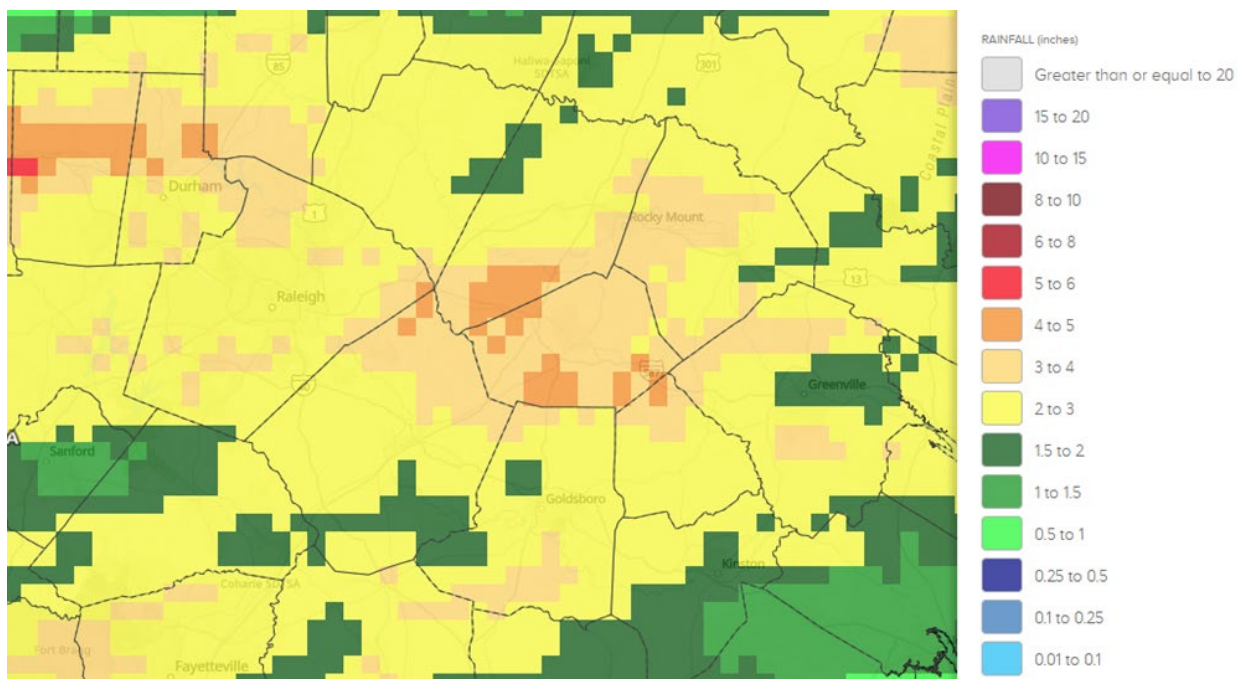
Staff Resource: Ed Buchan, Raleigh Water, 996-3471, edward.buchan@raleighnc.gov

Due to the heavy rainfall events which occurred last week, drought conditions improved significantly for central North Carolina, including the Falls Lake watershed. Based on the updated drought map issued on July 28, approximately 50% of the Falls Lake watershed was in severe drought conditions and the other areas were in moderate drought conditions. The water level at Falls Lake rose approximately 2.5 feet following the heavy rain events and is currently at 248.9 ft above mean sea level, or 2.6 feet below full pool. It should be noted that it is not unusual for Falls Lake to be below full pool in the Summer and Fall months, and it is now close to the expected levels for this time of year. The water supply pool increased from 66% remaining to 84% remaining on July 27, which substantially exceeded to recession trigger for Water Use Restrictions (75% for July and 70% for August). Raleigh Water also used a hydrologic model to evaluate the long-range climate outlook, and it does not appear there are any realistic scenarios in which Stage 1 Water Use Restrictions would be readopted (trigger is 50% in August, 45% in September and 40% in October). For these reasons, it was recommended that our utility service area will exit Stage 1 Water Use Restrictions on August 3.

Meteorological models continue to suggest central NC will receive average rainfall for the next 2 weeks and for the longer-term outlook as well. No tropical storms are predicted to impact North Carolina in the immediate future, but tropical activity is expected to increase later in the Summer and early Fall. Based on daily water pumpage data this week, the average demand was 58.17 million gallons per day, but this is expected to increase with the recession of Water Use Restrictions.



2-Day Rainfall Estimates:



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 31 – Thursday, August 6

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

Permitted Special Events

[The Left Hook Coffee Block Party](#)

State Street

Saturday, August 1

Event Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Associated Road Closures: A portion of S. State Street between E. Hargett Street and E. Martin Street will be closed from 8:00am until 6:00pm.

Other Upcoming Events

[Poetry in the Park](#)

Friday, July 31

Dix Park, House of Many Porches Market

[Summer Concert Series](#)

Sunday, August 2

Fred Fletcher Park

[Yoga in the Park](#)

Monday, August 3

Dix Park, Harvey Hill

[Deep Purple with Kansas and Jefferson Starship](#)

Tuesday, August 4

Red Hat Amphitheater

[National Night Out](#)

Tuesday, August 4

Various Locations

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

Through Sunday, August 9

Raleigh Little Theatre

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.