

Water Supply Update

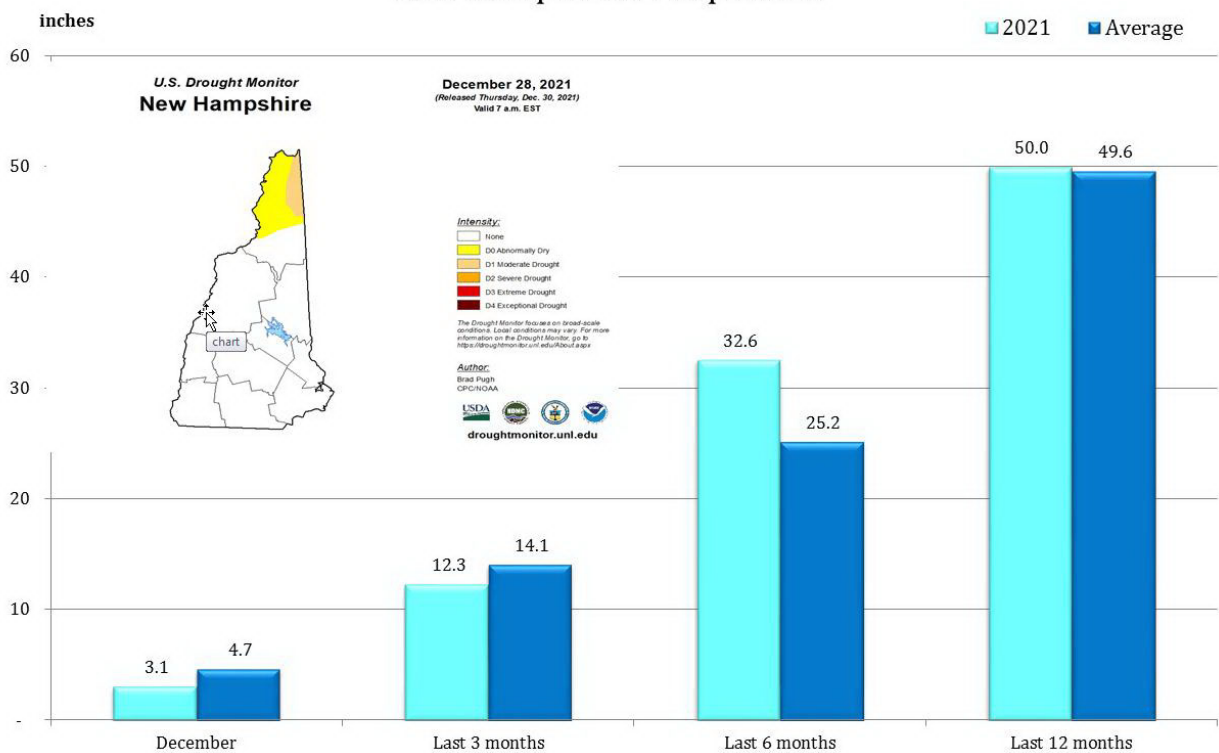
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Weather Trends/Outlook

December was dryer than average. Only 3.1 inches of precipitation fell on the Seacoast; compared to the monthly average of 4.7 inches.

The U.S. Drought Monitor (<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>) currently shows no drought conditions in southern New Hampshire.

New Hampshire Precipitation



PFAS Treatment System in Operation

In December, a new water treatment system went into operation at the company's Mill Road Treatment Plant in North Hampton. A granular activated carbon (GAC) filter was installed to remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) present in the water. As a result of the system upgrade, PFAS levels, which were already in compliance with State of New Hampshire regulations, are now lower.

Elevated PFAS levels forced reduced production from Well 6; one of the company's larger wells. The new GAC system removes PFAS from Well 6 water and restores its full production capacity.

The project was completed at a significant savings to ratepayers by accessing state grant funding. The company secured \$1,713,000 in grants from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services PFAS Remediation Loan Fund and the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund.