

# DROUGHTS

## What to Know:

- *Droughts occur when there is an extended period of below-average rainfall, leading to water shortages and crop failures.*
- *Droughts can increase the risk of wildfires, food insecurity, and water supply issues.*

## Safety Tips:

- *Before:*
  - *Conserve water in daily activities (e.g., reduce water usage in gardening, washing, etc.).*
  - *Be mindful of water consumption and avoid wastage.*
  - *If you live in an agricultural area, consider drought-resistant crops.*
- *During:*
  - *Limit outdoor water use and follow any local water restrictions.*
  - *Avoid starting fires or using equipment that could create sparks.*
- *After:*
  - *Reuse water where possible and support water conservation efforts.*
  - *Be prepared for the long-term impact of droughts on agriculture, water supplies, and health.*