



How can we mitigate the impacts of drought?

Imagine you are currently in a drought, and you worked for the local water utility, or a board member on the local water conservation board. Put together a social media post, including a photo and a short description (no more than 280 characters) to advertise a drought resilience strategy you plan to implement.

Example:



Choose from the list of strategies below, and find resources to learn more about the strategy beneath each strategy.

Resilience Strategies

- Educational outreach to farmers/ranchers on improving soil health
 - [USDA Soil Health Practices](#)
 - [Sustaining Farming in the Arid West: Stories of Young Farmers, Water and Resilience](#)
- Establish a drought planning board to recommend policies for water reduction
 - [Colorado Water Conservation Board Municipal Drought Management Plan Guidance Document](#), page 15-17 (Drought Planning Committee Section)
- Increase forest management to remove dead brush and trees
 - [Managing Forests in the Face of Drought - There is Help!](#)



- Improve water infrastructure such as replacing leaking pipes and inefficient sewers
 - [Water Audits and Water Loss Control for Public Water Systems](#)
- Build a new wastewater recycling facility
 - [Basics of Water Reuse](#)
- Public health and mental stress awareness campaign
 - [The Human Element: Weathering Tough Times in Drought](#)
- Build a new water storage reservoir
 - [Storing and Moving Water](#)
- Campaign to promote water-efficient crops
 - [Seasonal Water Needs and Opportunities for Limited Irrigation for Colorado Crops Fact Sheet](#)
- Direct economic incentives to reduce water use in homes/businesses
 - [Watering a Home Landscape During Drought Fact Sheet](#)
 - [Water Conservation In and Around the Home Fact Sheet](#)
- Grants to farmers/ranchers who encounter drought conditions
 - [Southern Colorado farmers and ranchers eligible for drought assistance](#)
 - [USDA Disaster Assistance Programs](#)
- Grants for water-saving measures such as rain barrels and low-water landscaping
 - [Xeriscaping: Creative Landscaping Fact Sheet](#)
- Develop integrated pest-management, irrigation and fertilization plans for farms and rangelands
 - [Sample Drought Plans](#)