

Plan ahead and use water wisely

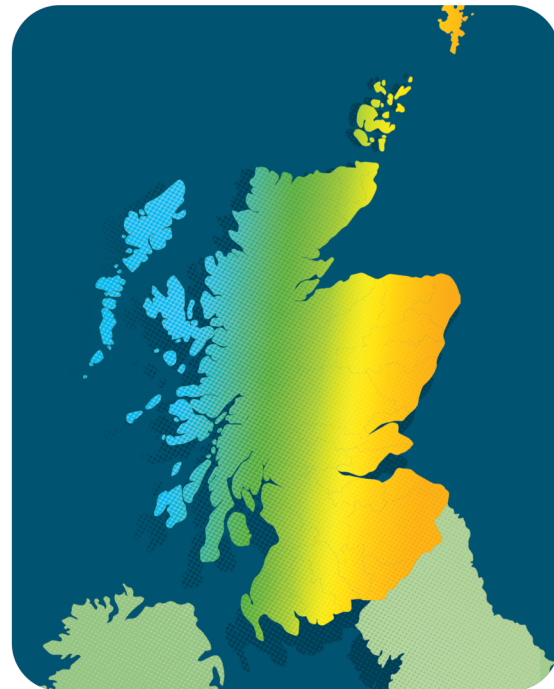
As a business that benefits from Scotland's natural water resources, you have a role to play in managing our water environment. Being efficient in your water use can save you money and increase your resilience to the impacts of prolonged dry conditions.

Climate change is bringing more uncertainty over the summer months and may put pressure on water resources in areas of Scotland that have not experienced water scarcity before.

Staying informed

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is responsible for the forecast, monitoring and reporting of the situation facing Scotland's water resources and produces a weekly report between May and September.

When Scotland faces periods of prolonged dry weather, we will work with you to help reduce the impact on your business. Your business must meet the requirements of your abstraction permit but we can help you adapt to conditions by applying to switch surface to groundwater, for temporary and new permanent abstractions. Use the online drought assessment tool which shows the catchments where rivers are at very low flow to help you make decisions and stay resilient.



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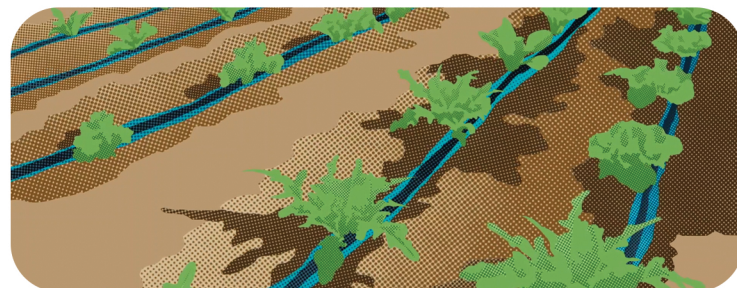
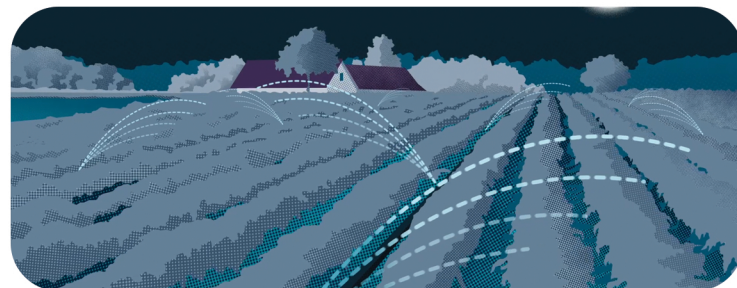
Taking action to stay resilient

Water scarcity will increase across Scotland as climate change intensifies and you should be future-proofing your business to manage regular water scarcity.

Take action to use water wisely and increase your business resilience:

- Plan ahead and know what actions you can take to minimise water use and protect water supplies in your catchment.
- Check the weekly situation report.
- When irrigating your land, check equipment isn't leaking, don't over spray, and use trickle irrigation where possible.
- Follow conditions in your abstraction permit.
- Stagger abstractions with other operators, reduce the volume used, and irrigate at night where possible.
- Switch to alternative supplies, like boreholes, or temporarily stop abstracting if you can.
- Get advice and support from SEPA.

Do you operate a hydro scheme? More detailed information can be found in the National Water Scarcity Plan.



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