

Hawlemont Regional School July update

HAY (Hawlemont Agriculture & You) News: Community Garden plots are thriving. All barn animals have returned to their home farms for the summer. Noteworthy collaborations for HAY this year included Hall Tavern Farm, Harvard Forest, and joining in the Source to Sea Cleanup of local waterways. All are encouraged to reach out to the school to join community volunteers supporting the HAY program and also to help staff the 4-H Food Booth at the Heath Fair August 21 - 23.

Summer Reading Challenge: HRS students on summer break have a list of fun prizes they can earn by reading for at least 15 minutes a day. Adults who support them will also be entered into a prize raffle.

Important Dates:

- *Sep 2, 2026: First day of school 2026 - 2027 school year*

News From the Tax Collector

TAX BILLS MAILED

FY 27. Preliminary tax bills have been mailed. **Please note that you have two vouchers in one mailing.** The top voucher is for the 1st QTR (quarter) due Aug 3 and the bottom voucher is for the 2nd QTR due Nov 2.

The 3rd and 4th QTR tax bills will be mailed separately once the new tax rate has been set.

Plastic Free July Celebration

A Plastic Free July event will be held at the Charlemont Fairgrounds on **July 21 from 5:30-7PM**. The event will feature Amy Donovan from the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District speaking about the journey of our local plastics and answer questions about your recycling challenges!

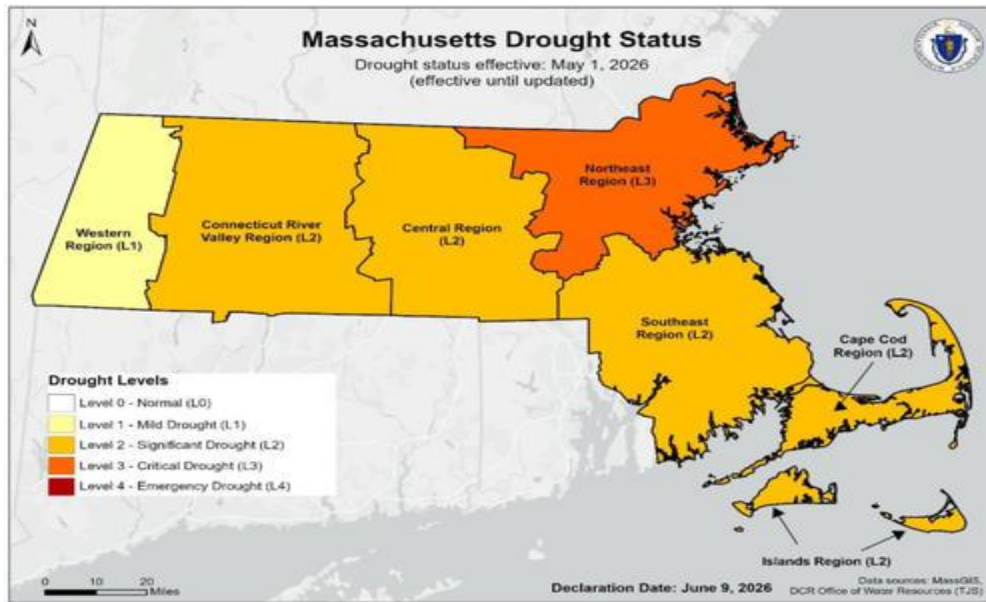
Drought Information from the State Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Charlemont is included in the area labeled as “significant Drought”. Suggestions for residents from the EEA are below:

For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use;
- Follow local water use restrictions;
- For any outdoor water use, limit watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.
- Fix indoor leaks, such as from toilets, faucets, and showers, which result in more than 60 percent of indoor use; and,
- For larger buildings and businesses, conduct water audits to identify areas of leaks and potential water conservation opportunities.



Charlemont Fairgrounds Upcoming Events:



5th Annual Stars & Stripes Car Show

Presented by the Charlemont Lions

July 11th, 2026 from 8am to 4pm

Charlemont Fairgrounds 8A North to Park Street, Charlemont, MA 01339

Hotrods, Imports, Trucks, Classic's, Tractors, Ratrods! BURN OUT PIT!!

COME SHOW OFF YOUR RIDE!!! ENJOY THE DAY!! HELP A CHARITY!!

Win One of 30 Trophies Win a favorite 10 Ring



**\$20 the day of the show
or register by June 15th, 2026 for \$15.**

Questions call or e-mail Matt 413-522-2462 mattsauto68@verizon.net or Gordy 413-824-0178 hathawayhotrods@gmail.com or Clay 413-824-2529 clay@clayherbert.com. (Dry Camping the night before the Show available)
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