PROMOTING
THE EFFICIENT
& SUSTAINABLE
USE OF WATER

# **2022 U.S. STATE POLICY SCORECARD** for Water Efficiency and Sustainability

# **MASSACHUSETTS**

38
POINTS

#13
NATIONAL RANKING

#3 REGIONAL RANKING (OF 6)

**NEW ENGLAND REGION** 

#### **About the Scorecard**

The 2022 U.S. State Policy Scorecard for Water Efficiency and Sustainability evaluates and scores U.S. states by their adoption of policies and laws that advance water efficiency, conservation, and sustainability. The Scorecard is intended to encourage further legislative action at the state level.

Scorecard Summary	Points
Plumbing Fixture Standards and Codes	12/12
Water Loss Control	6.5/11
Water Conservation Planning	<b>7.5/27.</b> 5
Drought Preparedness Planning	0/8.5
Climate Action Planning	2/4
Water-Land Use Planning Integration	<b>0</b> /6
State Funding for Water Efficiency Programs	4/4
State-provided Technical Assistance for Water Efficiency	<b>2</b> /3
Rate Structures that Encourage Conservation	0/4
State Funding for Water Bill Assistance	0/2
State Funding and Support for Water Reuse	2/4
Accounting for Energy Savings from Water Efficiency	0/1
Completion of Survey	<b>2</b> /2
TOTAL POINTS	38/89

## **Priority Scoring Factors**

The categories below are highlighted in order to encourage states to make the most progress in heavily weighted sectors.

#### Plumbing Fixture Standards and Codes



12	AWARDED
0	MEDIAN*
12	POINTS POSSIBLE

When the median = 0, at least half of the states till have not adopted this critical policy

#### Water Loss Control



6.5	AWARDED
4	MEDIAN
11	POINTS POSSIBLE

#### Water Conservation Planning



7.5 AWARDED
6.25 MEDIAN
27.5 POINTS POSSIBLE

#### **Drought Preparedness Planning**



O AWARDED
O MEDIAN\*
8.5 POINTS POSSIBLE

### **Recommendations for Massachusetts**

- Require water utilities to develop and implement drought preparedness plans
- ✓ Require water rate structures that encourage conservation
- ✓ Require coordination between land use and water planning

