As you may know, Vermont is experiencing drought conditions across the state, see drought.vermont.gov for more information and resources.

If you are getting questions from people on private wells/springs, you can direct them to www.HealthVermont.gov/water/drought. This page has information about ways to conserve water, temporary solutions for getting safe drinking water, and information about possible avenues for financial assistance to develop a more drought-resistant water supply.

As a THO, you can help identify locations using municipal water in your community where safe drinking water may be available (for example, libraries, town offices). Roadside springs are not considered safe drinking water sources since they are frequently contaminated by bacteria.

If someone has a water supply issue, have them submit it via the <u>drought reporter</u>. It is a simple form that the State uses to gather information about where support and resources may be needed.

Thank you for your work protecting public health in your community.

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