



LOWER TRENT CONSERVATION

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Low Water Condition - Level I

The month of November saw continued high levels of precipitation across the Lower Trent Conservation (LTC) watershed region compared to the June- September period. As a result, LTC has reduced the Level II Low Water condition to a Level I Low Water Condition, as minor drought conditions are still being experienced throughout the watershed region. This replaces the previous declaration of a Level II Low Water Condition made on November 17, 2025.

The September to November 3-month precipitation total recorded by Environment Canada at Trenton is 184.8 millimeters, which is 68 percent of the Long-Term Average (LTA) precipitation for this time of year (269.2 mm). Drought conditions have been steadily improving, with the most severe drought conditions in 2025 peaking in September with a Level III Low Water Condition being declared. A 3-month precipitation total below 80 percent of the LTA is the trigger for a Level I Low Water Condition. Monthly streamflow in all the subwatersheds across the LTC area have improved to over 100% of the Lowest Average Summer Month (LASM) flows, a continued improvement from drought conditions heading into the winter months. Taking into consideration both the precipitation and streamflow criteria, LTC has reduced the Low Water status from a Level II to a Level I Low Water Condition. During this time, Conservation Authority staff will continue to monitor conditions to determine if additional actions should be taken.

Under a Level I Low Water Condition, residents, businesses, industries, and municipalities are asked to voluntarily reduce their water use by 10%. This voluntary reduction, especially for those residents that rely on private wells, is still an important part of managing drought conditions. Colder temperatures during winter may reduce the groundwater recharge, thus limiting the impact that precipitation will have on keeping wells from drying up. Municipalities that source water from Lake Ontario or the Bay of Quinte have access to a more sustainable water supply. The delivery of water to residents on these systems is not impacted by current conditions.

If water supply on private systems becomes low or dry, well owners are encouraged to review the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) information for managing wells (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/managing-your-water-well-times-water-shortage#section-2>). Those in need of bulk potable water supply should check with their local municipality for availability and information on private water haulers.

Conservation Authority staff will continue to monitor conditions and report new information as it becomes available. To learn more about Ontario's Low Water Response program visit our website at

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www.LTC.on.ca. Residents can report any low water observations using the Low Water Reporting Form on our website.

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