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Low Water Condition – Level I

Conservation Sudbury has confirmed a **Level I - Low Water Condition** for all parts of Greater Sudbury watersheds effective 8:00 AM, August 17, 2018. This condition will remain in effect until another update is provided or the condition changes.

Since February of this year the watersheds in and around the City of Greater Sudbury (CGS) have received significantly lower precipitation compared to the long-term average; this has resulted in reduced flows in most watercourses. The water level in all streams has dropped significantly, while hot temperatures have increased evaporation resulting in dry conditions throughout the watershed.

The short term Environment Canada forecast shows continued warm temperatures during the day with no significant precipitation in sight.

Due to the prevailing low water condition, **all residents throughout the City of Greater Sudbury are urged to voluntarily reduce their water consumption by 10 per cent.** Holders of Permits to Take Water from surface or groundwater sources are encouraged to reduce their actual taking as much as possible.

Conservation Sudbury has notified its partners at the MNRF, MECP and the CGS. Staff continues with the monitoring of water levels; updates will be provided as required at conservationsudbury.ca

For water conservation tips please visit conservationsudbury.ca/en/water-conservation-tips.html

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Conservation Sudbury issues three levels of low water condition messages, depending on conditions:



Normal

Generally indicates low flow to base flow conditions. It should be noted that during Normal flow conditions, the inherent risk to personal safety associated with flowing water still exists.

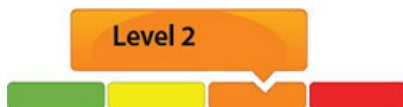


Level I – Low Water Condition

Low water condition is the first of three levels and is the first indication of a potential water supply problem.

Condition – The potential for water supply problems is identified.

Action – Water users will be asked to voluntarily reduce their water consumption by 10%



Level II – Low Water Condition

Suggests a potentially serious problem.

Condition – Minor water supply issues are encountered. There is the potential for major supply problems.

Action – Water users will be asked to voluntarily reduce their water use by 20% or greater.



Level III – Low Water Condition

Represents the most severe drought condition and indicates that the water supply can no longer meet the demand.

Condition – Supply no longer meets demand. Social and economic impacts are experienced.

Action – Voluntary measures have not produced the necessary response. Restrictions proposed by the Water Response Team and approved by the Government of Ontario will be put into action.