

Low water advisory in place

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The South Nation Conservation Authority has announced a level one low water condition due to low precipitation between March and May.

"With the reduced rain over the last few months, water supply for the hot summer months may be at risk," said Lisa Migneault, SNCA resources technician, in her June 1 advisory.

According to Ms. Migneault, the three-month average was than 80% of the historical numbers.

Even with the rain that has fallen since the advisory was issued, it does not erase the effect of the drier preceding months.

"We have issued our low water advisory based on a three month period, not just one month of a few days. We'd need more rain than what we've had so far to make up for the last few months," Ms. Migneault said.

The SNCA monitors water conditions using stream flow as well as precipitation.

If the drier conditions continue, it will affect the level of water available in wells. This is significant since 65% of North Dundas residents are dependant on ground water for their everyday needs. If people consume a lot of water yet there is not enough rain to recharge their wells that could be an issue, depending on the well.

The SCNA recommends water conservation practices to ease the situation. These include participating in the water efficiency

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program run by the Raisin Region Conservation Authority in conjunction with SNCA.

The program is free to homeowners and will reduce water usage by installing tap aerators, low-flow showerheads, and other water managing apparatus in your home.

The conservation authority also recommends repairing leaks around your home, watering your lawn in the morning or late evening to reduce

evaporation, turning off the tap when brushing your teeth and using a pail of soapy water to wash the car.

For more information on water levels in the SNC area, or updates on the water advisory level, please visit the SNC website at www.nation.on.ca. Additional tips for water conservation can be found online at the provincial environment ministry's website, www.ene.gov.on.ca.

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