



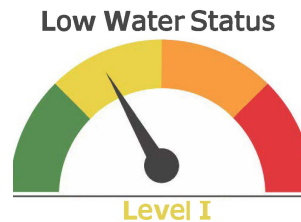
CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WATERSHED CONDITION STATEMENT LEVEL I LOW WATER CONDITION

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Level I, Low Water Condition, Watershed Condition Statement

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Consistent with the Ontario Low Water Response criteria, the Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (CCCA) is issuing a Level I Low Water Condition for the CCCA Administrative Area. The Ontario Low Water Response indicators identify that the CCCA precipitation indicators coupled with the channel flow indicators are at crossover and/or below the required Provincial seasonal average thresholds for a Level I.

A **10% voluntary reduction** in water use is being advised to ensure that there remains an adequate water supply for essential use and to sustain aquatic life. Reducing residential non-essential water use and utilization of Best Management Practices, Irrigation Best Management Practices are recommended to help lessen the impact on water resources.

In compliance with applicable provincial government agencies and low water legislation, the CCCA will continue to monitor creek water levels and precipitation within the CCCA administrative area, and will provide updates when available.

As a reminder, if landowners take water (>50,000L) from either surface water or groundwater sources (sand points, wells, pumping directly from the streams or ponds) to irrigate; they are required to obtain a permit from the Ministry of the Environment. If conditions continue to deteriorate, further regulation of surface and groundwater takings may be considered.