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Halton asking for water usage cuts

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Conservation Halton has posted a level 2 low water condition for its jurisdiction and asked surface and ground water users to cut back consumption by 20 per cent.

A level 2 condition is the second stage of an escalating scale. Ontario's low water response plan says a level 2 condition is triggered by proof total precipitation in the last three months has been less than 60 per cent of average while creek flows have been less than 50 per cent of the lowest average summer monthly flow.

Issued yesterday, the low water condition was upgraded from a level 1 advisory put out July 18.

Conservation Halton watershed planner David Gale said a 20 per cent voluntary reduction across the Bronte, Grindstone and Sixteen Mile Creek watersheds affecting parts of Burlington, Puslinch, Hamilton, Halton Hills, Milton, Mississauga and Oakville will help ensure supplies for essential use while protecting ecosystems.

Users on municipal water systems should follow local water use restrictions, he said.

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