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## Drought Advisory Ends

Lower Trent Conservation has lifted the 7-month drought advisory which was triggered by extreme dry conditions throughout most of 2016. Average precipitation in December and January and improved stream flows are no longer within the Ontario Low Water Response Program criteria.

However, Lower Trent Conservation officials still urge rural residents to be wary of their water use.

“Dropping the low water advisory does not mean that groundwater levels have returned to normal across the entire watershed,” says Janet Noyes, Water Resources Manager. “The mild weather this winter has allowed for some infiltration of rain and melted snow into the ground but we still need at least an average spring runoff to restore groundwater levels to near normal.”

Water is a precious resource – continued wise use of water is encouraged now and always.

The Lower Trent Conservation watershed region has been in low water conditions since early June 2016. A Level 1 Low Water Condition was declared on June 3rd due to lack of rainfall and low flows in local creeks and streams, upgraded to Level 2 on July 4th and upgraded to Level 3 for the northeastern portion of the watershed region on September 1st.

The Ontario Low Water Response Program was developed by the Province to help coordinate and support local response in the event of a prolonged period of low stream flows or precipitation. There are three levels of Low Water Conditions with Level 1 being the least severe and Level 3 being the most severe.

To learn more about Ontario’s Low Water Response program visit our website at [www.ltc.on.ca](http://www.ltc.on.ca).

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