



# Outside Water Use Conditions Report

Reporting period: October 8 to October 14

Issue date: October 16, 2025

## Background

The City of Guelph’s Outside Water Use Program (OWUP) was created in 2002 to help reduce water demand during peak periods and to conserve and protect our groundwater during the summer months. Based on weather trends and local watershed conditions, the OWUP has three levels that affect residential outside water use – Level 0 Blue, Level 1 Yellow and Level 2 Red.

The Outside Water Use Program (OWUP) is at **Level 0 – Blue**. Level 0 encourages careful use of outdoor water use. The outlines of Level 0 water restrictions can be found at [Outdoor water use and restrictions in Guelph](#).

## Level Summary

- There has been 14.6 mm of rain in the past week. Rain is predicted for next week starting on Sunday with a predicted 15 mm of rain.
- Temperatures are around normal for this time of year. Next week night time temperatures will be slightly above normal.
- Our one-month indicator is in blue, but the three-month rainfall indicator is still in yellow.
- River flow is at 78% of normal.
- Production for this past week continues to trend slightly higher than last year at this time. Production has declined in the past week.
- Due to production declining, river flows increasing and that there is rain in the forecast we will move to Level 0 – Blue.
- **This will be the last condition report for the 2025 season, we will end the season in Level 0 – Blue.**

## Precipitation Summary

- The past week: 14.6mm of precipitation
- Days without rain: 3
- Last significant rain event was October 11: 11mm of precipitation

	Precipitation (mm)	% of Normal	Level
One-month	69	102%	<b>BLUE</b>
Three-month	183	77%	<b>YELLOW</b>



## Forecasted

- High chance of 15mm of rain on Sunday

## Eramosa River Flows

Min River flow m3/s	% of minimum flow rate	Level
.70	78%	<b>YELLOW</b>

## Temperature Summary

	Past Week		Forecast	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
Temperature °C	-1	20	0	20
Normals °C	6	16	3	13

## Production Summary for October

	2024 m <sup>3</sup>	2025 m <sup>3</sup>
Minimum	38,746	40,871
Maximum	54,260	54,461
Average	46,583	49,043

Highest production day: 62,738 m<sup>3</sup> on June 23, 2025

## Grand River Low Water Response Team Updates

Members of the Grand River Low Water Response Team met on Thursday September 18. During the meeting, the team decided that water users in parts of Brant County, Six Nations of the Grand River, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Haldimand County and Norfolk County in the McKenzie Creek sub-watershed will be asked to voluntarily reduce their water consumption by 20 per cent due to continued dry conditions. The current Level 2 low water condition declared for Whitemans Creek and Lower Nith sub-watersheds on August 29, 2025 remains in effect.

The rest of the Grand River watershed remains in a Level 1 condition, as declared on August 22, 2025. McKenzie Creek sub-watershed moves to Level 2 low water condition.

### About this report

The data reported herein has been obtained from Environment Canada, Grand River Conservation Authority, Weather Network, City monitoring systems and summarized by City of Guelph staff. This information is reported weekly during the summer months of May to September to inform the community of the active level under the Outside Water Use Program. For more information on Guelph's Outside Water Use Program, visit [guelph.ca/water](http://guelph.ca/water) or call 519-822-1260 extension 2153.