

Watershed Conditions Statement:

Rain in the Rideau Valley Puts End to Drought For Now

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June 12, 2015 – For the first time since November, 2014, the precipitation indicators are all close to normal which means that the Rideau watershed is no longer in a drought.

Flows in all watercourses have risen to above normal for the time of year and rain today and this evening bring the possibility that smaller streams could overflow their banks. Everyone should be cautious when near any size streams which will be flowing faster than they have since the spring freshet.

As was noted in the previous Watershed Conditions Statement, there have been significant differences in the amount of rain with a distinct north-south variation. The amounts, however, have been reversed with rainfall measured at the Brockville Airport about twice that measured at the Ottawa MacDonal-Cartier Airport. This is good news for Kemptville Creek which had flows far below normal for the time of year.

The RVCA encourages everybody to always use water wisely and apply water conservation measures.

Authority staff will continue to monitor conditions and report new information as it becomes available.

To learn more about Ontario's Low Water Response program visit:

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Water/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_164583.html. Also, visit the RVCA website for local conditions.

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