

Managing Your Well

in times of low water

LOW WATER CONDITIONS



are slow to occur and caused by a combination of factors such as lack of rain, high temperatures and increased demand for water.



Low water conditions can be a stressful time for rural homeowners who rely on

PRIVATE WELLS

Why? Aquifers cannot be easily seen or monitored, and can become depleted when more water is pumped out of it than is replenished by rainfall or other water sources.

Indications that the well may go dry:

- drop in water pressure
- air bubbles in vour water
- water that looks cloudy or dirty
- no water at all

Wells that are more susceptible to failing during drought conditions include:

- dug wells
- shallow bedrock wells
- wells located near topographic high points
- wells constructed in areas where bedrock is close to the ground surface

Implement water conservation practices to save water.

Monitor your pump. If it's cycling on and off, or sucking air, turn it off and call a licensed well contractor.

Never add water to your well, it could contaminate your supply and will not alleviate water shortage problems.

Always contact a licensed well contractor:

 To have your pump and pressure system checked if this the first time you have experienced low water.

 To fix any issues relating to your well, including modifications to the existing well and pump or drilling a new well.



Visit www.KawarthaConservation.ca for current low water conditions and more information.