

University of Waterloo Weather Station Summary – April 2018

A wet April that was the coldest on record

Yes it was cold in April, but not just kind of cold, record breaking cold! At 4 degrees below average, it was the coldest April we have seen in the region since records began back in 1915 beating the previous record set back in 1975. It was also the most below average month since February of 2015.

It was cold right out of the gate as 20 of the first 21 days of the month were less than average and there were only a total of 6 days overall that were warmer than average.

During 3 really wet days between the 14th and the 16th there was a total of 72.6 mm of precipitation, this was almost more than monthly average total of 74.5 mm. Not surprising the final total of 124.2 mm was well above average.

Let's call an end to the snow season (I know famous last words), so the 10 cm we had in April puts the total for the snowfall season of 110.5 cm which is only about two thirds of the average of 159.7 cm.

Summary for April 2018:

Maximum Temperature 18.5°C

Minimum Temperature -8.0°C

Average Daily High Temperature 6.8°C (Long term average 11.5°C)

Average Daily Low Temperature -2.8°C (Long term average 0.8°C)

Total Precipitation 124.2 mm (Long term average 74.5 mm)

(Long term averages based on 1981-2010 data for the Waterloo-Wellington Airport)