



BULLETIN

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Flood Watch Midhurst District

NEWS

Monday, May 08, 2017
11:00 am

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Midhurst District is advising area residents that a Flood Watch bulletin is in effect for the northern areas of Simcoe County including Severn, Ramara, Tiny and Tay Townships. Specifically areas around the Severn and Green Rivers including Lake St. John and Sparrow Lake.

Caution should be used around water bodies as water levels and flows increase in the coming days. Residents and those visiting the area are advised to be aware of current watershed conditions, exercise caution while around water bodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

MNRF is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

With the wet weather now moved out of the area conditions look much more favourable in the coming days. Saturated conditions still exist across the watersheds with higher and faster runoff expected to continue throughout the week.

Levels are expected to remain high on most watercourses but should begin to dry out and improve as we move through the week.

For flood emergencies the local Municipality is responsible for flood preparedness and response.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels have peaked on the Black River and have declined slightly in the last 24 hours. Flows down the Severn River are expected to remain high with higher the normal water levels on Lake Simcoe adding to the total flow.

Levels on Lake St. John are expected to continue to rise for the next few days before they should begin to stabilize. Levels on the Green River near Washago are expected to remain high as are water levels on Sparrow Lake.

Expiry Date:

This message will expire on Friday, May 12 2017, 11:00 AM

Terminology: Notification Levels

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT - FLOOD OUTLOOK: gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY: indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.

FLOOD WATCH: potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities

FLOOD WARNING: flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

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A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.

Environment Canada bulletins can be found at <http://weather.gc.ca/>

The Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage can be found here:

www.ontario.ca/flooding

