

For Immediate Release
Township of Severn
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FLOOD WARNING

Please be advised that the surrounding lakes and rivers in Severn Township are currently above normal water levels and may continue to rise during the current rainfall.

The Township of Severn will communicate all information by means of media broadcasting and media releases to radio stations, local newspapers and our website at

www.townshipofsevern.com.

All property owners, especially those who have a historical susceptibility to flooding are being asked to monitor their situation as each will vary based on some or all of the following factors:

- ✓ Distance from watershed(s)
- ✓ Distance from an unaffected accessible road
- ✓ Height of land
- ✓ Property saturation levels
- ✓ The availability, number, size and type of sump pump

Residents are asked to share this information with their neighbours and other individuals who may not have access to the Township's website.

SAND BAGS

Residents are advised that sand and sandbags are available for use by our residents at the following locations:

1. Washago Centennial Park
2. Coldwater Community Centre
3. Intersection of Peninsula Point Road and Bennett Avenue
4. Intersection of Canal Road and Cambrian Road

This resource is self-serve – **please bring a shovel and means of transportation.** Residents are encouraged to think of their neighbours – don't forget about those around you that may have difficulty with this task.

Road & Ditches

- Many of the local ditches and streams are holding excess water – residents are reminded to stay clear of these areas
- Residents are requested to avoid driving on any roadways that are under water as road conditions may be unstable and dangerous
- Private roads are not monitored by the Township and those residents heading to access these roads should do so with extreme caution

Preparedness

- ✓ Be prepared – build an Emergency Survival kit that allows you to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours
- ✓ Keep emergency contact information near your phone
- ✓ Check your sump pumps – ensure the sump pit is clear of debris and that all electrical connections are plugged in correctly and circuit breakers are operational. Check your maintenance manual for instructions on how to check the float, test the check valve and clean the impeller.
- ✓ Hydro – if you are concerned about water in and around your residence or other buildings, call Hydro Call Centre at 1-888-664-9376. Disconnected services may impact water removal equipment (ie. sump pumps) and therefore it may also be necessary to contact your insurance company.
- ✓ Remember to keep all things up and off the floor where potential flooding could occur.



Helpful
Tips

If you have an emergency – please dial 9-1-1.

Visit the Township of Severn's website for update information
www.townshipofsevern.com

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