

**Flood Warning
Midhurst District****NEWS**Friday, May 05, 2017
2:00 pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Midhurst District is advising area residents that a Flood Warning bulletin is in effect for the northern areas of Simcoe County including Severn, Ramara, Tiny and Tay Townships. Specifically areas around the Severn, Black 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**

Environment Canada has issued a rainfall warning currently forecasting 50mm to 70mm through Saturday. River and lake levels are already high and with the ground being saturated from rains earlier in the week; higher and faster runoff is expected resulting in further increased levels.

Levels are expected to rise considerably over the next few days resulting in possible flooding in the above mentioned rivers and lakes.

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

Description of Current Conditions

Expect higher and faster flowing water in most watercourses. Water levels throughout the Severn and Black Rivers are expected to continue to rise in the coming days. With the ground already saturated increased runoff is expected.

Areas around Washago and the outlets of Lake Simcoe, Lake St. John and Sparrow Lake should expect water levels to continue to increase through the weekend as this weather system continues to dump large volumes of rain on already saturated watersheds.

Expiry Date:

This message will expire on Monday, May 08 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

