

Flood Watch
Midhurst District

NEWS

Wednesday, May 01, 2019
11:00am

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Midhurst District is advising area residents that a Flood Watch remains in effect for the northern areas of Simcoe County including Severn, Ramara, Tiny and Tay Townships. Specifically areas around Lake St. John in Ramara Township until Monday, May 06, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

Residents in the area around the Severn and Black Rivers including Sparrow Lake and Lake St. John should use caution around water bodies as water levels and flows continue to remain high. 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

This message is being sent based on information received from MNRF – Surface Water Monitoring Centre, MNRF – Aviation Forest Fire and Emergency Management Services, Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) and Environment Canada.

Rainfall forecasts are currently predicting a few more wet days ahead before a warmer and dryer weekend. Predicted rainfall amounts for the northern areas of Simcoe County range from 15-25mm possible by late Friday.

The warmer and dryer weather forecasted by the weekend will help to improve the saturated ground conditions and aid in the decline we are starting to see on some of the lakes and rivers in the area.

Description of Current Conditions

Flows in the Black River continue to decline, and this trend is expected to continue over the next few days. Water levels on Lake St. John are expected to remain high for several more days but are not expected to increase further. Residents should continue to monitor conditions and take the necessary precautions to protect low lying property.

Further down the Severn River and into Sparrow Lake flows are expected to remain higher than normal with slight declines expected with the warmer and dryer weather forecasted through the weekend.

DEFINITIONS

- **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.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/flooding
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.