

**Flood Watch
Midhurst District****NEWS**Tuesday, May 01, 2018
3:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Midhurst District is advising area residents that a Flood Watch is in effect for the northern areas of Simcoe County including Severn and Ramara Townships. Specifically areas along the Severn and Black Rivers including Sparrow Lake.

Caution should be used around water bodies as water levels and flows 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**

With wet weather moving back into the area over the next few days water levels will remain high and although off the recent peaks may again trend upwards. Forecasted rainfall starting Wednesday through Friday of 20 – 30 mm of rain with an already ripe remaining snow pack and saturated ground conditions will result in increased melt and runoff.

Levels are expected to remain high on most watercourses throughout 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 than normal water levels on Sparrow Lake.

Expiry Date:

This message will expire on Friday, May 04 2018, 03:00 PM

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

