

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook Midhurst District

NEWS

Wednesday, May 03, 2017
11:00 am

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

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 wet weather returning later this week and river and lake levels already high due to recent rains there is the potential for localized flooding. Rain is expected to return Thursday with rain fall amounts ranging from 40mm to 60mm in some areas into the weekend.

Many areas of the Black and Severn rivers as well as Lake St. John have seen increased flows in recent days. These levels may increase further with the forecasted rain fall over the next few days.

Description of Current Conditions

Expect higher and faster flowing water in most watercourses. Water levels and flows remain elevated and are currently rising at most gauging stations. With the ground already saturated increased runoff can be expected.

During this time of year we can expect higher and faster flowing water in most watercourses. Slippery and unstable banks can create very hazardous conditions around any water body.

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

