

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety
Midhurst District

NEWS

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
2:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Midhurst District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety bulletin is in effect for the northern areas of Simcoe County including Severn, Ramara, Tiny and Tay Townships. Specifically, areas along the Severn River in the townships of Severn and Ramara until Friday, May 24, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Residents in the area 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.

Widespread rainfall last evening recorded rainfall amounts of 20+mm of rain, with a few more light showers possible today into tomorrow. Flows are expected to remain high in the coming days along the Severn River in the northern areas of Simcoe County.

Description of Current Conditions

Flows on the Black River have slowed their decline with the recent rains and remain higher than normal along the Severn River and into Sparrow Lake and are expected to

continue in the coming days and into next week. Residents should continue to monitor conditions and avoid fast flowing water around these lakes and rivers.

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.

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