



# ***BULLETIN***

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

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## **Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety Parry Sound District**

### **NEWS**

**Friday, August 31, 2018**

1:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Parry Sound District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety is in effect for the District which includes the District Municipality of Muskoka, the Territorial District of Parry Sound and a north-west portion of the County of Haliburton.

Residents within the Parry Sound-Muskoka area should keep a close watch on conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution around water bodies as flows and levels within rivers and streams continue to remain high as a result of recent rainfall. Although flooding is not expected at this time, residents may wish to consider taking action to secure or protect any property in flood-prone or vulnerable areas.

It is expected that lower-lying portions of known flood-prone roads along river courses may be impacted to various degrees as river levels remain high.

Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around water bodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

MNRF also advises extreme caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities as many are seasonally inundated with water, prone to washouts and may be impassible due to current water conditions.

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 and Environment Canada.

Multiple weather systems have passed through the area resulting in significant rainfall events. Accumulative rainfall over the last couple weeks has ranged from 90-200mm and the forecast indicates that more rain is expected over the next 7 days.

**Description of Current Conditions**

Current water levels and flows are higher than normal for this time of year, due to higher than normal precipitation amounts.

Recent, widespread and heavy rainfall received across the region resulted in higher than normal flows and this is expected to continue over the next week as more rain is received in the area.

**Expiry Date:**

This message will expire on Friday, September 07 2018, 12:00 AM

**Terminology: Notification Levels**

**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.

**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

**FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities

**FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

**Contact Information**

For more information please contact:

Parry Sound District MNR Water Management Department  
By calling 705-646-5531 or by email at [watermanagement.psdistrict@ontario.ca](mailto:watermanagement.psdistrict@ontario.ca)

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: <http://www.ontario.ca/flooding>