

**Flood Warning
Flood Watch
Watershed Conditions Statement- Water Safety
Parry Sound District**

NEWS

Friday, May 03, 2019
13:00

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Parry Sound District is advising area residents that:

A **Flood Warning** remains in effect for the Muskoka River Watershed.

A **Flood Watch** is in effect for the Magnetawan River Watershed.

A **Watershed Conditions Statement- Water Safety** is in effect for the remainder of the MNRF Parry Sound District.

These messages will remain in effect until Friday, May 10, 2019.

Residents and those visiting the area are advised to be aware of current watershed conditions. Higher than normal water levels and flow conditions exist throughout the area and residents are reminded to keep a close watch on weather conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams.

It is expected that lower-lying portions of known flood-prone roads along river courses will be impacted to various degrees as lake/river levels remain high over the next week.

Banks and shorelines adjacent to water bodies are extremely slippery and unstable. Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around water bodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

Residents that may be affected by high water conditions should take necessary action to protect/secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions.

The ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Precipitation will continue until the weekend for southern Ontario before a high-pressure ridge sets up over the province providing several days of drying and near, to above seasonal temperatures for most of the province.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels are beginning to recede in many lakes however flows in rivers will remain high as the water moves through the system.

It is expected that lower-lying portions of known flood-prone areas along lakes/rivers may be impacted to various degrees as lake/river levels remain high over the weekend and into next week.

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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