

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook

North Bay District

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3:30pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources – North Bay District, is advising area residents that a **Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook** is in effect for district residents until Friday, July 11, at 4:00pm.

In addition to significant rainfall events that have occurred over the past few weeks, the Northeast region is forecast to potentially receive significant rainfall on Sunday. Residents are advised to remain vigilant and exercise caution around rivers and streams as water levels and river flows are expected to stay elevated if the forecast amount of rain is received.

Residents that have been affected by high water and flow conditions should take necessary action to protect/secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes, closely monitor developing conditions and regularly check for updated messages.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

A cold front is expected to enter the Northeast region on Sunday, forecasting 20-35mm of rain with a high potential for significant thunderstorms. If thunderstorms occur, additional rain could be received. The system will gradually dissipate from the west to the east exiting the region by Monday. Daytime and nighttime temperatures are expected to be within the seasonal range.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels and flows in the area have decreased after recent rainfall events and are now within the normal operating ranges for this time of year. Forecasted rainfall and potential thunderstorms could result in substantial runoff, which may increase water levels and flows locally. Road overtopping and flooding in low-lying areas, as well as areas with poor drainage, can be expected in areas where intense thunderstorms occur.

Recreational users (swimmers, shore anglers, boats, canoes, kayaks, etc.) are urged to stay away from dams as high-water levels and strong currents are dangerous and pose a

serious safety risk. Floating debris (e.g. logs, docks, decks, boats, etc.) could also remain from previous rainfall events and pose an additional safety risk to recreational users.

Municipalities, residents, and visitors, especially those in low-lying areas and along shorelines, should monitor conditions and prepare accordingly. Shorelines and banks adjacent to water bodies along with fast-flowing water pose a serious hazard.

The ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions and will provide further updates as necessary.

DEFINITIONS

- **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.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.