

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

North Bay District

Friday, May 09, 2025
3:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources – North Bay District is advising area residents in the northern reaches of the district (**Montreal Watershed, Sturgeon Watershed, Upper Ottawa-Kipawa Watershed and the upper portion of the French Watershed**) that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety is in effect in these areas until Friday, May 16, 2025. The current Flood Watch bulletin reminds in effect for the Ottawa River at Mattawa and Tomiko River Watershed.

Residents in these areas should keep a close watch on conditions and exercise caution around lakes, rivers and streams. While almost all areas are now snow-free and no significant rainfall has occurred recently, water levels remain high. Please alert and/or monitor any children and pets under your care to possible dangers and supervise their activities around waterbodies.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Significant rainfall is not expected over the next five days with no more than 10mm forecast. Daytime temperatures are expected to be in the low to mid double digits over the weekend, they will then rise into the 20's starting next week. Nighttime temperatures are forecast to be close to or below the freezing mark until Sunday night when they will then stay well above the freezing mark for the next week.

Description of Current Conditions

Spring conditions are still being seen as water systems continue to pass high inflows after the peak of the spring freshet (thaw). Low lying areas with a history of flooding continue to be impacted and shoreline conditions continue to be unstable. The current weather forecast is favorable for allowing water systems to continue to slowly decline; however, if a significant rain event were to occur it would slow the decline and could result in continued

flooding in low-lying areas which have a history of flooding. A close watch of local weather forecasts, special weather statements and warnings is recommended.

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.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that **along the Great Lakes shorelines high water**, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous but flooding is not expected.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding **along the Great Lakes shorelines** based on weather and lake conditions, and water safety information.
- **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.