

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety Pembroke District

NEWS

04/05/2019

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Pembroke District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety is in effect in Renfrew County.

Residents of Renfrew County should keep a close watch on conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams. Residents who have a historic susceptibility to flooding should take appropriate precautions to protect their property, such as ensuring sump pumps are functioning and securing items that may float away as water levels rise.

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 on the basis of information received from MNRF - Surface Water Monitoring Centre and local weather forecasting systems.

Water levels and streamflows have responded to recent precipitation. The five day precipitation forecast calls for 15 to 25mm/cm of mixed precipitation. The bulk of the precipitation is forecast to occur this weekend and will be accompanied with temperatures in the mid to high teens.

Description of Current Conditions

There is considerable snow water equivalent, in the range of 100 to 200 mm, in the south-central and south-east of the region. Ongoing melt, with forecast rainfall can cause elevated water level conditions leading to flooding in these areas.

Expiry Date:

This message will expiry on 04/12/2019 12:00 AM

Terminology: Notification Levels

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.

Contact Information

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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>

Key Information Websites:

<http://www.ontario.ca/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry> - MNRF Website

<http://www.ottawariver.ca/> (or call the 24hr toll free number 1-800-778-1246)

<http://www.opg.com> – Ontario Power Generation

<http://www.renfrewpg.ca> – Renfrew Power Generation

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html> - Emergency Management Ontario