

WATERSHED CONDITION STATEMENT

WATER SAFETY

To: 1) Emergency Services
2) School Boards
3) Municipalities
4) Local Media
5) Local Conservation Authorities & MNRF
6) Interoffice Memo to all Authority Staff



Date/Time: Saturday, December 28, 2024, at 8:00 PM
Subject: Notice of Hazardous Creek Conditions

The Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority advises that the Surface Water Monitoring Centre (SWMC) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), is tracking a series of low-pressure systems set to move into the CLOCA watershed over the next several days. Air temperature is expected to be well above normal and into the high single digits. Heavy rainfall could be seen on Sunday, which will give way to windy conditions as the main system exits. Total rainfall amounts are expected to be in the 25- 30mm range on Sunday, with scattered rainfall following on Monday and another system bringing an additional 10-15mm of rain on Tuesday.

Streamflow's are at normal levels for this time of year, and ice has begun to form in most watercourses. The mild temperatures over the weekend are causing any accumulated snow to start melting. The forecasted precipitation combined with partially frozen ground conditions could result in increased runoff causing higher than normal water levels and flows in our streams. **Widespread flooding is not anticipated, however fast flowing water and flooding of low lying areas and roadways may be expected in flood prone areas.**

The Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority is asking all residents to stay away from all watercourses, shorelines, and structures such as bridges, culverts and dams. Increased wave activity, elevated water levels, fast flowing water, and slippery conditions along stream banks and Lake Ontario shorelines continue to make these locations extremely dangerous. Please remind children of these dangers.

This Flood Outlook Statement will be in effect through Wednesday January 1st, 2025 or until further notice. The Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority will continue to monitor the conditions of the streams and will provide updates as required.

For further information, please contact the following person at (365) 633-0506.

Holly Whittington
Flood Duty Officer

Note: Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety is a general notice that potential conditions exist that poses a risk to personal safety. High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.

Flood Forecasting and Warning Program
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24 Hour Flood Line
To report flooding after work hours, please call:
(905) 579-0411 ext. 200

Email
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