

## WATERSHED CONDITION STATEMENT - WATER SAFETY

To: 1) Emergency Services  
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Watershed Conditions  
Statement - Water Safety

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:30 AM  
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 forecasting 5 – 10 mm of rain today. Rain is expected to continue through Wednesday, with accumulations between 15 – 20 mm.

Temperatures are forecasted above the freezing mark, such that 25 – 35mm of rain and snowmelt, could be seen over the next two days. Milder temperatures, combined with precipitation, frozen ground conditions and an average snow-water equivalent of 95mm according to recent snow survey data will 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.**

Stream flows are at normal levels for this time of year, and ice is present in most watercourses. Milder temperatures and rain could weaken and cause the breakup of ice cover where it exists, causing localized water level increases, ice jams, and flooding.

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 Water Safety Statement will be in effect through Thursday March 6th, 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) 633-0465.

Lucy Benham  
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. CLOCA's role during a flooding event is to monitor watershed conditions and weather forecasts, predict watercourse and Lake Ontario conditions, and communicate our findings to the public, municipalities, and media. Based on our watershed knowledge, CLOCA also provides technical advice to municipalities in support of their flood response efforts.

If you are concerned about high water levels in your area, please contact your municipality. For emergencies requiring police, fire or ambulance, call 911

### Flood Forecasting and Warning Program

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority  
100 Whiting Avenue, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3T3  
(905) 579-0411

### 24 Hour Flood Line

To report flooding after work hours, please call:  
(905) 579-0411

### Email

For questions or concerns related to flooding, or post pictures of flooding or request data, use the following email address:  
[floodforecast@cloca.com](mailto:floodforecast@cloca.com)

### CLOCA Twitter

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[@CLOCA\\_Flood](https://twitter.com/CLOCA_Flood)