



WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT FLOOD OUTLOOK / WATER SAFETY BULLETIN

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To: Watershed Media
Watershed Municipalities and Counties
SVCA Members
Adjacent Conservation Authorities

MESSAGE:

Recent temperatures have been well above average resulting in a gradual melting of the snowpack and slowly rising river and stream levels in the Saugeen Watershed. On Friday up to 25 mm of rain is forecast which will further increase water levels. Significant flooding is not expected, but flooding in traditional low lying flood plain areas is likely to occur. River ice was flushed out of the drainage systems earlier and so ice jams are not anticipated. Cooler weather is predicted to return on Sunday, although water levels will still remain above normal.

For safety reasons the public is advised to stay well away from rivers and streams. River banks can be wet and slippery. In particular, parents are reminded to keep children away from local waterways. While air temperatures may be well above normal, water temperatures are still just above freezing which can cause hypothermia and death in a few minutes.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority will continue to monitor Watershed river flow and weather conditions. This message is in effect until 11:00 am on Saturday, February 25th unless a further message is issued.

- End of message -

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Confirmation of receipt of this message: **not required**

Types of Flood Messages

Watershed Conditions Statement is issued when general Watershed conditions indicate high runoff potential that could lead to flooding and to remind the public that rivers, streams, and ponds may pose a safety risk.

Flood Watch message is issued when the potential for generalized flooding exists throughout the Watershed or identified for specific municipalities.

Flood Warning message is issued after a forecast has been made and applies to specific flood damage centres where significant flooding is definitely possible.