



FLOOD WATCH

SAUGEEN VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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To: Watershed Media
Watershed Municipalities and Counties
SVCA Members

MESSAGE:

The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority is extending its Flood Watch condition to Saturday, April 2, 11:00 am. Although river and stream levels have been declining since yesterday, the forecast is for significant rainfall tonight and Thursday. The forecast from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Surface Water Monitoring Centre is for rainfall in the amount of 25 to 40 millimetres including isolated thunderstorms. Also, additional widespread rain is predicted to follow this initial amount. With watercourses still flowing at elevated levels due to the precipitation last Monday, the rain will produce additional runoff in the system and cause water levels to rise again.

If rainfall amounts as predicted do occur then flooding is probable in the traditional low lying flood plain areas. Municipal staff should continue to monitor typical problem areas and roads.

Continuing high water levels are a safety risk and so the public is again advised to stay away from all watercourses.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority will continue to closely monitor river flow and weather conditions. This message is in effect until Saturday, April 2, 2016, 11:00 am 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.