

Message: # 1
Issued at: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday December 23, 2014
Issued by: MVCA Flood Forecast Centre

To: All Municipalities in the MVCA's area of jurisdiction, including the Nine-Mile River watershed, and Media

Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety

The combination of warm temperatures and rain over the next two days is expected to cause rivers and creeks to rise rapidly and remain high throughout the week. General precipitation amounts of 25 mm are expected with the possibility of higher localized rainfall as a result of thunderstorms. A return to below freezing temperatures is forecast for later on Thursday.

Based on this forecast, flooding beyond traditional low lying areas is not expected, but the rivers will be higher than seasonal norms and very fast flowing. We remind people that slippery and unstable streambanks and cold water temperatures will create additional hazards.

High winds may also create hazardous conditions along the Lake Huron shoreline.

Municipal staff should monitor local problem areas. The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority will be monitoring watershed conditions and will provide an update if warranted.

This message is in effect until 4:00 p.m. on Sat. Dec. 27, 2014.

Confirmation of receipt of this message: not required

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Types of Flood Messages:

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety - General watershed conditions are being assessed for high runoff potential that could lead to flooding, and to remind the public of general river safety issues.

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook - Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion

Flood Watch - Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

Flood Warning - Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.