
Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook Kemptville District – Ottawa River

NEWS

04/12/2017

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's (MNRF) Kemptville District Office is advising area residents that a **Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook** is in effect for the north-eastern reaches of the Ottawa River in the District, downgraded from the previously issued Flood Watch Statement.

Residents living in the City of Clarence-Rockland, the Town of Hawkesbury, and in the Townships of East Hawkesbury and Champlain should stay away from fast-moving rivers and streams at this time of year and regularly check updated messages about spring weather conditions. Residents who live in an area that has a historic susceptibility to flooding should take appropriate precautions to protect their property, such as ensuring sump pumps are functioning and securing items that may be impacted should water levels rise.

Shorelines along streams and rivers are dangerous at this time of year. MNRF advises all residents to keep their children, pets and themselves away from lakeshores and riverbanks.

MNRF is closely monitoring spring weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

This message is being sent on the basis of weather information received from the Ministry's Surface Water Monitoring Centre, Environment Canada and from other sources of weather information.

High pressure, with a mix of sun and clouds, will dominate the province for today (April 12) and tomorrow.

Friday will see a low pressure system track through the far north bringing snow.

Description of Current Conditions

Although water levels in rivers and streams are receding, the water levels remain high and some flooding may still be observed in low lying areas.

Significant rainfall is expected across the province on Saturday as two low pressure systems pass through Ontario: one in the far north and one moving through central Ontario. Rainfall

of 10-20mm is expected from each of these systems, which should move out of the province by Sunday. Rain will be concentrated around the tracks of the low pressure systems, with lesser amounts further away from the paths of the low centres.

Risks:

The Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board cautions that flows and levels on the main stem of the Ottawa River between Pembroke and the Montreal region are expected to continue to increase over the next few days, with minor flooding expected in low-lying areas.

A close watch on local forecasts and conditions is recommended.

Expiry Date:

This message will be in effect until (or updated before): 04/18/2017 12:00 AM.

Terminology: Notification Levels

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY: indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT - FLOOD OUTLOOK: gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions.

FLOOD WATCH: potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities.

FLOOD WARNING: flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

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A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.

Environment Canada bulletins can be found at weather.gc.ca/.

The Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage can be found at ontario.ca/flooding.