

**Flood Warning**  
**Aurora Midhurst Owen Sound District**

Thursday, April 17, 2025  
11:00 am

The Ministry of Natural Resources – Aurora Midhurst Owen Sound District is advising area residents that a Flood Warning remains in effect for the below described area of the district until Friday, April 25, 2025.

Residents in Severn and Ramara Townships, in the area of the Severn and Black Rivers near Washago down to Sparrow Lake within the Aurora Midhurst Owen Sound District should expect water levels to remain high with flooding occurring in some areas.

Runoff to local lakes and rivers has increased significantly with recent rainfall, snow melt and warm weather.

Lower-lying portions of known flood-prone areas will be impacted to varying degrees as lake and river water levels remain high in response to recent and forecast precipitation and melting snow in the coming week. Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around waterbodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

Residents that have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue to take necessary action to protect and secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions and regularly check for updated messages.

The ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

**Description of Weather System**

The weather forecast is calling for warm temperatures through the long weekend with forecast precipitation of 10-20mm possible Friday into Saturday. High flows are expected to persist as water continues to move through the system. We do expect any remaining snowpack to melt with the warm weather and forecast rain. Flooding and high water is expected around Washago and Sparrow Lake along the Black and Severn Rivers through Severn and Ramara Township.

### **Description of Current Conditions**

Lake water levels remain high from recent precipitation and runoff and are expected to remain that way for the coming week. High and fast water flows are expected within areas of the Severn and Black Rivers as well as Sparrow Lake as water moves through the system.

### **DEFINITIONS**

- **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
- **FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities
- **FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

### **LEARN MORE**

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage [www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre](http://www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre)
- Environment Canada bulletins: [www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.