

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

Sudbury District

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
2:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources – Sudbury District is issuing a **Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety** notice for the Sudbury District, which will be in effect until Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Residents in the Sudbury District, including the communities of French River, St. Charles, Killarney, Sagamok, the municipalities of Markstay-Warren, Espanola, Townships of Nairn-Hyman, Sables-Spanish River and Manitoulin Island should exercise caution along local waterways. Local streams and rivers will continue to see increased flows and ongoing high-water levels due to the recent warmer weather and precipitation. There is the potential for flooding in low-lying areas and residents may wish to take necessary action to secure or protect property in flood-prone or vulnerable areas. Please monitor any children or pets under your care around these hazards and supervise their activities.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Temperatures over the next week are expected to be a mix of sun and clouds with some rain; daytime highs up to 26°C and nighttime lows down to 3°C. There is currently minimal rainfall forecasted for the following week, approximately 20mm.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels and stream flows across northern Ontario are still elevated due to the ongoing freshet but are starting to gradually decline. There is minimal snow remaining in areas to the north and within the forest cover; with the warmer weather forecasted, the ground will continue to thaw. Flooding may be experienced in low lying or flood prone areas.

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 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.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/flooding
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.