

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

Pembroke District

Thursday, April 02, 2026
10:00am

The Ministry of Natural Resources– **Pembroke District** is advising area residents that a **Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety** is in effect in the District until Friday, April 10, 2026

Residents in Renfrew County/ Pembroke District should consider the following:

Recent warm weather and precipitation have resulted in the melting of the snowpack and lake ice. This combined with forecasted precipitation and continued warm temperatures, will likely result in an increase to water flows on lakes and rivers.

Lower-lying portions of known flood-prone areas may be impacted to various degrees as lake/river levels rise over the next week.

Residents in flood-prone areas are encouraged to closely follow changing conditions and to take necessary measures. Residents are advised to stay away from watercourses where flows are high and where banks might be unstable.

Please remember, no ice is safe ice. Ice conditions on local lakes may start to deteriorate with warmer temperatures and changing water levels and flows.

Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around waterbodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

MNR also advises caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities as they may become seasonally inundated with water, are prone to washouts and may become impassible due to localized flooding.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

This message is based on information received from MNR's Surface Water Monitoring Centre and Environment Canada.

Rainfall and warming temperatures that were experienced early this week have resulted in a significant reduction in the snowpack across the county. Forecasted warm temperatures and additional precipitation over the weekend have the potential to further reduce the snowpack and ice on lakes and rivers.

Water levels are within averages for this time of year, but rain and warm weather are expected to produce runoff and increase flows. Higher water levels are expected, and water may accumulate in low lying areas or areas of poor drainage.

Description of Current Conditions

The MNR continues to closely monitor local lakes and rivers as this event progresses.

Lakes and Rivers in the area are still at seasonal levels. Lake levels and flows in creeks and rivers will slowly rise as a result of the warm weather and forecasted rains. No flood related issues are predicted at this time.

A close watch on local forecasts and conditions is recommended

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
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that **along the Great Lakes shorelines high water**, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous but flooding is not expected.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding **along the Great Lakes shorelines** based on weather and lake conditions, and water safety information.

- **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
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment and Climate Change Canada is recommended.

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