

FLOOD WATCH

Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 22:00



Flood Watch

Issued to:

SCHOOL BOARDS, MUNICIPALITIES, LOCAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY, LOCAL POLICE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MEDIA

Weather Conditions:

Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) advises that up to 20 mm of the forecasted 70 mm of rain has fallen throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) in the past 6 hours. The system is predicted to taper on Saturday. Water levels within TRCA's watercourses are rising due to the rainfall and there is the potential that water levels will exceed its riverbanks resulting in riverine flooding.

Issues:

Due to high soil moisture content in the region and the forecasted rainfall amount, all rivers within the GTA will be experiencing higher flows and water levels, resulting in dangerous conditions. The water levels in many of TRCA's watercourses are still rising and have yet to peak including the Don River. In addition, the higher lake level has reduced the channel capacity that results in a potential for flooding of roads and trails along streams and rivers including the Bayview Avenue extension and the Don Valley Parkway and low-lying areas. We are closely monitoring other transportation routes and sites adjacent to potentially impacted watercourses. Please note - this Watershed Conditions Statement addresses river-related flood risks. Please see

<https://trca.ca/news/trca-statement-public-safety-due-high-water-levels-lake-ontario/> for information related to Lake Ontario levels and hazards.

Actions:

Please exercise extreme caution around all bodies of water and avoid driving in low-lying areas and roadways particularly at underpasses, as well as the shoreline. Please alert any children under your care of these dangerous conditions and supervise their activities. Be alert for possible transportation delays and road closures. Toronto and Region Conservation will continue to monitor the weather and watershed conditions and will issue further messages as necessary. This Flood Watch will be in effect until cancelled.

Duration:

This Flood Watch - Watershed Conditions Statement will be in effect until canceled. TRCA will continue to monitor streams and weather conditions closely. Further flood related messages will be issued as required.

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Previous Flood Messages issued for the same storm event:

No previous flood message issued for the same storm event.



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A Flood Watch is a notice that flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities (due to stream conditions and expected weather). Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.