



## News Release

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### **Be Water Wise: Stay Well Back From Creeks, Ponds And Lakes During Spring Break-up**

Spring is quickly approaching and with its warm weather also comes melting snow, rain and the break-up of ice along the streams, ponds and lakes in Durham Region. Central Lake Ontario Conservation would like to remind residents of the dangers that exist on and near our creeks, ponds and lakes during spring thaw.

“During this time of year we can expect higher, faster flowing water within the creeks and thin ice on ponds and lakes. In addition, slippery and unstable stream banks along with extremely cold water temperatures can lead to very hazardous conditions close to any water body,” states Neil MacFarlane, Environmental Engineering Analyst at Central Lake Ontario Conservation. “We would like to remind people that as they enjoy the warm spring weather to stay well back from creeks, ponds and lakes and to please pass the message to their children.”

With the snow melt from warming weather and the existing ice conditions from a cold February the potential for flooding and ice jams remains significant should heavy rains occur. Conservation staff will continue to monitor stream conditions and will issue messages when necessary. **If you notice an ice jam or potential flooding hazard please contact the Conservation office at (905) 579-0411.**

Please exercise caution around any water body over the next few weeks and help make this a safe and enjoyable spring.

For more information please contact Mr. Neil MacFarlane at Central Lake Ontario Conservation, (905) 579-0411, ext. 134 or email [mail@cloca.com](mailto:mail@cloca.com).

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