

WATERSHED CONDITION STATEMENT

WATER SAFETY

To: 1) Emergency Services
2) School Boards
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5) Local Conservation Authorities & MNRF
6) Interoffice Memo to all Authority Staff



Water Safety
Statement

Date/Time: Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 1:00 PM
Subject: Notice of Hazardous Creek Conditions

The Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority advises that the Surface Water Monitoring Centre (SWMC) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), is tracking a low-pressure system set to move into Ontario tonight and move slowly through over the next two days. The system is expected to bring above freezing temperatures and 20- 30mm of precipitation, the bulk of which is expected to fall on Friday.

A considerable snowpack still exists in the CLOCA watershed, especially in the north. This snowpack combined with milder temperatures, frozen ground conditions and the incoming precipitation will result in substantial runoff causing higher than normal water levels and flows in our streams. **Widespread flooding is not anticipated, however fast flowing water and flooding of low-lying areas and roadways may be expected in flood prone areas.**

The Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority is asking all residents to stay away from all watercourses, shorelines, and structures such as bridges, culverts, and dams. Increased wave activity, elevated water levels, fast flowing water, and slippery conditions along stream banks and Lake Ontario shorelines continue to make these locations extremely dangerous. Please remind children of these dangers.

This Water Safety Statement will be in effect through Sunday March 19th, 2023, or until further notice. The Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority will continue to monitor the conditions of the streams and will provide updates as required.

For further information, please contact the following person at (905) 579-0411 ext. 134.

Holly Whittington
Flood Duty Officer

Note: Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety is a general notice that potential conditions exist that poses a risk to personal safety. High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.

Flood Forecasting and Warning Program

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24 Hour Flood Line

To report flooding after work hours, please call:
(905) 579-0411 ext. 200

Email

For questions or concerns related to flooding, or post pictures of flooding or request data, use the following email address:
floodforecast@cloca.com

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