

Flood Watch

Aurora Midhurst Owen Sound District

Friday, April 26, 2024
1:00 pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Aurora Midhurst Owen Sound District is advising area residents that a Flood Watch remains in effect for the below described area in the District until Friday, May 03, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

Residents in the area of the Severn River, Sparrow Lake and Six Mile Lake within the Aurora Midhurst Owen Sound District should expect water levels to remain high and flows to remain fast in the coming week.

Runoff to local lakes and rivers has increased significantly with recent rainfall. It may be possible that lake water levels and river flows in certain areas could reach flood levels with more rainfall expected this weekend into next week.

Lower-lying portions of known flood-prone areas may be impacted to varying degrees as lake and river water levels rise in response to recent precipitation. Residents and visitors should exercise caution while around waterbodies and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

Residents that have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue to take necessary action to protect and secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions and regularly check for updated messages.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

The weather forecast is calling for daytime highs to be in the double digits and nighttime lows remaining above 0°C, with another 35+mm of rain possible over the next 7 days.

Description of Current Conditions

Lake water levels remain high from recent precipitation and runoff and are expected to remain that way in the coming week with additional rainfall expected this weekend and into next week. Flooding is possible within areas of the Severn River, Sparrow Lake and Six Mile Lake as flows continue to remain high from recent rains and more precipitation expected.

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
- **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 Canada is recommended.