

Flood Warning Pembroke District

NEWS

05/18/2017

The Pembroke District of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is advising that a **Flood Warning is still in effect for Renfrew County.**

Residents should be aware that water levels are decreasing however high water is still contributing to significant flooding and unsafe water conditions in some areas of the County.

Going into the long weekend and summer season, all residents and visitors should be aware that **there is an increased risk to public safety because of high water.** High water is causing strong currents and there are hidden dangers under the water especially for people not familiar with the area. In many locations hazard markers cannot be replaced into lakes until the water levels decline causing an increased risk to boaters. Additionally, bacteria and contamination in the water in flooded areas could cause an increased health risk to swimmers. Residents and visitors are being asked to avoid recreational boating on flooded lakes as the increased wave action could affect sandbag walls and contribute to shoreline erosion.

The Ministry also advises extreme caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities as many are seasonally inundated with water, prone to washouts and may be impassible due to current water levels.

Any residents with flooded property should take appropriate action as flood waters start to subside. **Sandbags need to be disposed of properly as they could be contaminated.** Anyone requiring information about the disposal of sandbags, recovery and clean-up or requiring assistance should contact their local municipality.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels across the County are decreasing however there is still widespread flooding around major lakes and rivers throughout Renfrew County.

Expiry Date

This message will expire on 05/26/2017 5:00 PM

Terminology: Notification Levels

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

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.

FLOOD WATCH: potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities

FLOOD WARNING: flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

Contact Information

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A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended. Environment Canada bulletins can be found at <http://weather.gc.ca/>

The Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage can be found at:
<http://www.ontario.ca/flooding>

Key Information Websites:

<http://www.ontario.ca/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry> - MNRF Website

<http://www.ottawariver.ca/> (or call the 24hr toll free number 1-800-778-1246)

<http://www.opg.com> – Ontario Power Generation

<http://www.renfrewpg.ca> – Renfrew Power Generation

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html> - Emergency Management Ontario

<http://rcdhu.com/> - Renfrew County and District Health Unit