



WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT FLOOD OUTLOOK / WATER SAFETY BULLETIN

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To: Watershed Media
Watershed Municipalities and Counties
SVCA Members

MESSAGE:

Above normal temperatures have resulted in some melting of the snowpack, and rainfall occurred over the Saugeen Watershed overnight. In response, watercourse levels have risen and river ice has shifted in most places. Much colder temperatures today will reduce runoff to area streams.

Water levels in some watercourses have peaked, while most of the others will do so later today. Significant flooding is not expected, but flooding in traditional low-lying flood plain areas is likely to occur.

For safety reasons, the public is advised to stay well away from rivers and streams. River banks can be wet and slippery.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority will continue to monitor Watershed river flow and weather conditions. This message is in effect until 11:00 am Sunday, January 14, 2018 unless a further message is issued.

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Confirmation of receipt of this message: **not required**

Types of Flood Messages

Watershed Conditions Statement is issued when general Watershed conditions indicate high runoff potential that could lead to flooding and to remind the public that rivers, streams, and ponds may pose a safety risk.

Flood Watch message is issued when the potential for generalized flooding exists throughout the Watershed or identified for specific municipalities.

Flood Warning message is issued after a forecast has been made and applies to specific flood damage centres where significant flooding is definitely possible.