

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook

Sudbury District

Friday, April 10, 2026
2:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources– Sudbury District is advising residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook will remain in effect in the district until Friday, April 17, 2026 at 12pm.

Residents in the Sudbury district, including the communities of Greater Sudbury, Espanola, Nairn-Hyman, Sables-Spanish River, Baldwin, Spanish, Killarney, Sagamok, St. Charles, French River, Markstay-Warren, and Manitoulin Island, should exercise caution along local waterways. Local streams and rivers will continue to see increased flows and ongoing high-water levels due to the recent warmer weather and precipitation. While we do not anticipate flooding, there remains the potential for flooding in low-lying areas and residents may wish to take necessary action to secure or protect property in flood-prone or vulnerable areas. Please monitor any children or pets under your care around these hazards and supervise their activities.

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 an additional 15-20mm of precipitation to move into the area beginning Sunday with daytime temperatures in the low single digits through the weekend. Monday may see another system move into the region with daytime temperatures potentially moving into the double digits early in the week. Evening temperatures are expected to hover close to freezing for the next few days.

Description of Current Conditions

There is still significant snowpack, especially in the northern sections of the major watersheds and with recent precipitation and warming weather, water levels continue to respond accordingly on local water ways. While most lakes still have ice cover, large river systems are beginning to flow and have been progressively losing ice cover. Although flooding is not anticipated, water levels are expected to remain high and fast for the next while.

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 melt, high winds or other conditions
- **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/flooding
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.