

## **Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety**

### **Sudbury District**

Friday, March 14, 2025  
2:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources– Sudbury District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety is in effect in the District until Friday, March 21, 2025 at 12pm.

Residents in the Sudbury District, including the communities of Sudbury, Espanola, the municipalities of Markstay-Warren, French River & St. Charles, Townships of Sables-Spanish River & Baldwin, Town of Spanish and Manitoulin Island should exercise caution along local waterways. Although no flooding is anticipated based on current forecasts, special caution should be exercised around rivers and streams. Please alert and monitor any children under your care to these dangers 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**

Significant rainfall and snowfall is possible across the region throughout this weekend. Rainfall amounts over the next 48 hours are expected to be between 20-40mm. Daytime temperatures today are expected to rise to 10°C and stays consistent until dropping to below 0°C on Sunday night. Over the next few days, daytime temperatures are forecast to remain above freezing with evening temperatures expected to drop slightly.

##### **Description of Current Conditions**

Water levels and stream flows across northeastern Ontario are increasing with warmer weather and melting snowpack. The snowpack is compacted due to previous rainfall, which has compromised its ability to absorb additional rainfall. With the precipitation expected with the coming system water levels and flows may increase.

## 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](http://www.ontario.ca/flooding)
- Environment Canada bulletins: [www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.