

Flood Warning
Pembroke District

NEWS

Thursday, May 02, 2019
3:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) – Pembroke District is advising area residents that the Flood Warning in effect for all of Renfrew County has been extended until Thursday, May 09, 2019.

The County of Renfrew along with several municipalities have declared states of emergency due to flooding and water levels and flows in large lakes and rivers remains high.

Residents in Renfrew County should keep a close watch on conditions, regularly check for updated messages and exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams. Motorists in the area should remain vigilant for flooding over roadways and the potential for washed out culverts. Anyone requiring sandbags or assistance should contact their local municipality.

MNRF advises extreme caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities. Many are seasonally inundated with water, prone to washouts, and may be impassable due to current water levels. The public should avoid crossing any submerged roads as there may be a risk to traveler safety.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

This message is being sent based on information received from MNRF - Surface Water Monitoring Centre, MNRF - Aviation Forest Fire and Emergency Management Services and Environment Canada.

The County is forecast to receive another 15-20mm of precipitation over the next two days followed by warmer temperatures with minimal precipitation.

Description of Current Conditions

All systems in Renfrew County are experiencing extremely high water levels and flows and wide-spread flooding continues to occur. Some rivers and lakes are starting to show signs of stabilizing, however water levels around the County are expected to remain high for the foreseeable future. There is still considerable snow to melt in the north and as water is released from northern reservoirs, this could impact water levels on the Ottawa River.

The majority of the snow in Algonquin Park and Renfrew County has melted and water levels in tributaries leading into the major rivers have all started to decrease. Many of the lakes in the County are now ice-free.

Many areas around the County continue to experience flooding and several roads remain closed due to flooding and wash-outs.

Extreme caution around lakes, rivers and submerged roads in addition to keeping a close watch on local forecasts and conditions is recommended for the safety of all residents.

DEFINITIONS

- **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.

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.