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Conservation Authority**

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**CRCA ISSUES A WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY**

**KINGSTON ON** – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety today.

Water Managers in the Cataraqui Region are seeing higher than normal flows through dams for this time of year. With rain and warmer temperatures forecast for Sunday and into next week the CRCA is urging residents to use caution around dams (inflow and outflow channels) as these water levels may cause unpredictable ice conditions on some lakes.

Residents should also use caution and stay away from fast flowing watercourses, creeks and stay off the ice. Creek banks and lake shorelines may be slippery, increasing the chance of falling in.

CRCA does not measure ice thickness for advising the public about ice conditions for recreational activities. Ice conditions can vary considerably from one waterbody to the next and within a single waterbody.

Staff will continue to monitor conditions and forecasts and will update statements as needed. This Watershed Conditions Statement will remain in effect until February 20, 2019.

For up to date flooding information, please visit the CRCA's flood forecasting and information page at [www.crca.ca/flood](http://www.crca.ca/flood).

See below for watershed conditions terminology:

**Normal:** No flood conditions exist

**Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety:** High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.

**Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook:** Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.



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**Flood Watch:** Flooding is possible in specific watercourse or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

**Flood Warning:** Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.

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