

A News Release from the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

April 11, 2014

CRCA Issues a Flood Warning

Newboro Lake, Opinicon Lake, Sand Lake, Cranberry Lake, Loughborough Lake, Buck Lake, Charleston Lake, Gananoque Lake, Gananoque River, Sydenham Lake

Kingston – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Flood Warning today for certain lakes.

Many Lakes continue to rise as a result of warmer temperatures and rainfall.

Area water control structure managers continue to operate their structures to pass as much water as possible through the system to minimize flooding potential.

An additional 30+ mm is possible Sunday through Wednesday, which will continue to increase lake levels.

Residents concerned that their homes may require sandbagging should contact their municipality and are reminded to consider removing possessions from the shoreline as they may become inundated.

CRCA continues to monitor conditions, and will update the statement as needed.

Valid until: April 17, 2014

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Newsrooms please note:

A watershed conditions statement is **NOT** a flood warning. Its purpose is to raise public awareness about a change or potential change in watershed conditions. See below for watershed conditions terminology:

Watershed Conditions Statement: general notice of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety or which have the potential to lead to flooding. There are two variations of these:

- Watershed Conditions Statement Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice
 or other factors 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.

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



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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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