



A News Release
from the
**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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CRCA issues a Flood Warning Update

Lake levels begin to stabilize, but levels to remain elevated for some time.

Lakes that remain in Flood Warning:

Newboro Lake, Opinicon Lake, Sand Lake, Cranberry Lake, Loughborough Lake, Buck Lake, Charleston Lake, Gananoque Lake, Gananoque River, Sydenham Lake, Kingsford Lake, and the reach between Upper and Lower Brewers

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

Snow melt and rain events over the past couple of weeks have caused many lakes across the region to rise dramatically in response.

Area water control structure managers continue to monitor levels closely and actively manage their structures to pass as much water as possible while minimize flooding.

In general, lake levels in the Cataraqui River and Gananoque River watersheds are stabilizing. Those still rising have slowed in their rate of increase and are likely to peak in the next day or two. Although some levels may begin to drop slightly over the weekend, elevated water levels and flooding is expected to remain for some time.

Municipalities adjacent to the lakes affected by this flood warning are reminded to monitor roads and bridges that may be affected.

Residents who seek sandbags to protect their property from flood waters should contact their municipality and are reminded to consider removing possessions from the shoreline that are not already inundated by flood waters.

Precipitation over the next few days is expected to be minimal.

Water levels on Gananoque Lake and the lower Gananoque River (below Marble Rock Dam) remain extremely high, as water moves through the system. Flooding of roads and buildings along these areas is currently occurring.

The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands should be contacted for specifics on affected areas and flooded/closed roads. For detour maps visit www.leeds1000islands.ca/node/395.

Sydenham Lake is now slowly dropping. A ¼ inch decrease in water levels was recorded from April 11 to April 16.

Creeks that are NOT in the Flood Warning area (Wilton Creek, Millhaven Creek, Collins Creek, Little Cataraqui Creek, Lyn Creek, Buells Creek) have been falling since the morning of April 16, following the precipitation of April 14 and 15. These creeks are expected to continue to drop, but remain in a state of Flood Watch due to current levels.

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

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Newsrooms please note:

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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