



A News Release
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**Cataraqui Region
Conservation Authority**

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CRCA Issues a Watershed Conditions Statement

Flood Outlook Update

Kingston – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has issued a Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook Update today.

Creeks have risen over the past week as a result of warmer temperatures and the runoff from snow-melt.

We expect creeks to fill up as a result of the rainfall forecast over the next several days and the continued melting of snow. As a result, low lying areas may experience flooding.

As creeks come up, the potential still exists for further ice break-up which can cause the accumulation of ice chunks at restrictions (bridges, culverts, narrow channels) and the potential for localized flooding in these areas.

Residents are asked to stay off of creek ice and away from fast flowing watercourses.

CRCA continues to monitor conditions, and will update the Watershed Conditions Statement as needed.

Valid until: April 11, 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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