



# Watershed Conditions Statement Water Safety

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**To:** All Municipal Flood Coordinators, Local Media, Adjacent CA's,  
MNR Districts, Police Services

## **Message: Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety**

A low pressure system is set to traverse the province Tuesday into Wednesday bringing heavy rain to the Grand River Watershed. Cumulative rainfall totals of 20 to 30 mm are possible Tuesday night into Wednesday due to this system, resulting in elevated flows in rivers and streams across the watershed.

Flows are expected to peak below warning levels throughout the watershed. While no major flooding is expected, there may be some flooding in low lying areas, which are prone to flooding.

### **Stay Away and Stay Safe**

Riverbanks and trails adjacent to rivers and waterways experienced some significant damage and erosion as a result of the ice and high flows that moved through the system in February. This damage, combined with cold, fast-moving water greatly increases the risk around local waterways. Hypothermia can occur extremely quickly at this time of year. The public is asked to stay away from all rivers and waterways at this time.

River conditions and forecasts will be monitored and updates will be issued as warranted.

This Statement will remain in effect until Friday, April 6, 2018.

For further information refer to GRCA's website at [www.grandriver.ca](http://www.grandriver.ca).

- For current river flow refer to the "Watershed Conditions/River Data" section.
- For a "River Safety Rules" brochure, refer to the "Learn & Get Involved /River Safety" section.

### **Note to flood coordinators, municipal, MNR and CA staff:**

For further information please call our head office at (519) 621-2761 and speak to our duty officer.