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

SUDBURY – Conservation Sudbury is issuing a **Water Safety** statement for the Greater Sudbury watersheds effective 11:00 a.m. today. This statement will remain in effect until 4:30 p.m., March 20.

Environment Canada has forecast 15 - 25 mm of rain combined with mild temperatures near 7 C over the next 24 hours. This will produce some snowmelt and localized ponding on streets and other low lying areas. Forecast temperatures dropping to sub-zero starting Saturday will result in slippery conditions. All watersheds within the City of Greater Sudbury still have a significant snowpack that holds more than 200 mm of water content. The next snow-course survey will be conducted by staff tomorrow. Water levels and flows in area watercourses are currently within the seasonal range.

Public safety is the number one priority, especially for children who may be attracted to the edge of creeks or rivers. The cold, fast-flowing water must be avoided. Stream banks will be very slippery and unsafe, and must be avoided. Any open-water areas will continue to widen and these must also be avoided.

Water levels will not decrease rapidly and developing conditions must be closely monitored by all residents especially those living in known low-lying, hazard areas where overland flooding could become an issue. Residents in the City of Greater Sudbury who may experience problems due to overland flooding should call 3-1-1. The service operates 24 hours a day.

Conservation Sudbury remains in direct contact with the City of Greater Sudbury and all other partners as required. Conservation Sudbury staff continues with the monitoring of water levels; updates will be provided as required. For more information please visit [ConservationSudbury.ca](http://ConservationSudbury.ca)

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Gérons nos bassins hydrographiques aujourd'hui, pour demain

**Conservation Sudbury issues five types of messages, depending on conditions:**



**Normal**

No flood conditions to report.



**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.



**Flood Watch**

Flooding is possible in specific watercourses 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