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Water Safety Message

SUDBURY – Conservation Sudbury is maintaining a **Water Safety Message** for all Greater Sudbury watersheds effective 2:30 p.m. today. This statement will remain in effect until 10 a.m. May 18, 2023.

Flows on most area watercourses remain high, however, levels have peaked and are now dropping. The lower Wanapitei River will continue to have elevated levels as OPG manages high flows from the upper river entering Lake Wanapitei.

Water levels will not decrease rapidly and developing conditions must be closely monitored by all residents especially those living in Wahnapiatae and Wanup areas, where overland flooding could become an issue.

Anyone trying to clear debris or clean up properties are advised to work safely around the cold, fast-moving waters. Stream banks and shorelines may be unsafe after a high water event and must be avoided if possible. Public safety is the number one priority, especially for children who may be attracted to the edge of creeks or rivers.

Conservation Sudbury remains in direct contact with the City of Greater Sudbury and all other partners as required. Conservation Sudbury staff continue with the monitoring of water levels; updates will be provided as required. For more information please visit ConservationSudbury.ca

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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