



FLOOD WATCH (Sauble River Watershed Only)

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TO: Watershed Municipalities and Watershed Media

MESSAGE:

With the significant snow melt due to the mild temperatures and the rain late last night, river flows have responded quickly. Some systems such as the Beaver River have already peaked and are starting to come down. However, the Sauble River system has areas such as Allenford that are already above average flows for spring runoff and may continue to rise. For this reason, Grey Sauble is issuing a "Flood Watch" specifically for the Sauble River System. "Flood Watch" indicates that there is a potential for unusual flooding and that local residents and municipal staff should keep a specific watch on waterway conditions and be prepared in the event that flooding occurs.

Grey Sauble would like to remind everyone that during spring runoff events, potential conditions exist that could pose a risk to personal safety. High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc.

Grey Sauble staff will continue to monitor the weather and the flows and provide additional updates as needed. Watershed residents can access snow, stream flow and rain gauge data through our Watershed Conditions page on our website (<http://www.greysauble.on.ca/water-management/current-watershed-conditions/>).

Expires Monday March 18, 2019 @ 9:00 am unless replaced by more recent Flood Messages.

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Grey Sauble Conservation issues THREE types of messages:

1. Watershed Conditions

Statement - Water Safety/Flood Outlook

These are general notices of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety of which have the potential to lead to flooding.

- i) Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice, etc.
- ii) Flood Outlook: Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, etc.

2. Flood Watch

Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

3. Flood Warning

This is the most serious type of message: flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities.