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Flood Watch



Flood Potential: High

Ice Jam Potential: Moderate

Issued to: local municipalities and school boards, local conservation authorities, emergency response agencies, health unit, media, NVCA board and staff

Date March 09, 2026 (12:15pm)

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is upgrading the Flood Outlook statement to a Flood watch.

Weather Conditions

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, along with Climate Change Canada, advises that a major low-pressure system will continue to move across the watershed over the next 48-72 hours bringing further rainfall accumulations of 30-36mm and periods of warmer temperatures exceeding 10°C. These conditions, combined with the existing snowpack, are expected to cause significant snowmelt, resulting in increased runoff, with peak flows anticipated now through Wednesday.

Due to frozen ground conditions, runoff absorption will be limited, increasing the risk of localized flooding in low-lying areas and ponding on roadways. Elevated water levels from rainfall and runoff will also make local streams and rivers hazardous, particularly near culverts, bridges, and dams. The public is urged to exercise caution and avoid all watercourses, especially for the safety of children and pets.

NVCA will continue to closely monitor weather conditions, ice formation, and water levels within the watershed. The Watershed Conditions Statement for Flood Watch will remain in effect until the end of day, March 12, 2026, or until further notice.

Issues

Water levels are currently elevated as a result of heavy rainfall, warm temperatures, and snow melt. 36mm of rain is forecasted in the following 48-72 hours. Water may overflow banks and cause flooding in some areas. Widespread flooding is not anticipated at this time, but low-lying and flood-vulnerable areas may be impacted.

For additional information, please call 705-424-1479 or check our website at:

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A **Flood Watch** is a notice that the potential for flooding in the near future exists in specific watercourses and municipalities. Flood Watches may be issued when stream conditions and weather are expected to produce flooding.