

Flood Warning

Peterborough Bancroft District

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

The Ministry of Natural Resources – Peterborough Bancroft District is advising area residents that a Flood Warning is in effect in the District until Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Residents in the Peterborough Bancroft District area are advised to be aware of current watershed conditions. Water levels in lakes and rivers are currently increasing and will continue to rise over the next week.

Higher than normal water flow conditions are occurring throughout the area due to recent rainfall and snowmelt. Slippery stream banks and fast flowing, cold water will create hazardous conditions around all water bodies. Residents are reminded to keep a close watch on weather conditions, regularly check for updated messages, exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

Residents who have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue to take necessary action to protect/secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions.

The Ministry is closely monitoring the weather and evolving watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Approximately 61 mm of precipitation has been forecasted over the next five days, with continued warm temperatures and additional rainfall expected in the 14-day outlook.

Daytime highs over the next four days are expected to range from 15 °C to 20 °C, with overnight lows between 4 °C and 12 °C.

Temperatures are forecasted to cool again around April 19; however, by that time the remaining snowpack is expected to be greatly reduced or fully depleted.

Description of Current Conditions

Recent rainfall has significantly reduced the amount of snow remaining on the ground. Forecasted rainfall is expected to rapidly melt the remaining snowpack, resulting in increased runoff.

Water levels in most lakes and rivers began a sustained rise on April 12 and are expected to continue increasing over the coming week due to ongoing runoff contributions to the watercourse systems.

DEFINITIONS

- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.
- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that **along the Great Lakes shorelines high water**, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous but flooding is not expected.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding **along the Great Lakes shorelines** based on weather and lake conditions, and water safety information.
- **FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities
- **FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment and Climate Change Canada is recommended.

