



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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Flood Watch

Flood Watch - Update

A **Flood Watch** is issued when there is a **potential for flooding** to occur in low-lying areas. **Nuisance or minor flooding** of access roads, backyards, basements, etc. is anticipated. **Buildings/people are not at risk.**

DATE: April 4, 2106

TIME: 1:00 PM

ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Quinte West, Trent Hills), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Trent-Severn Waterway, Ontario Power Generation, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

MESSAGE #: LTC – 07 – 16 – *Valid until Thursday, April 7, 2016*

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that the **Flood Watch** issued April 2, 2016 for the **Trent River** from **Hastings to Trenton** remains in effect.

Flows and water levels on the Trent River continue to increase as a result of runoff from significant rainfall received over the past week and snowmelt from the upper portions of the Trent River drainage basin (Burnt, Gull, and Crowe Rivers).

Residents living along the Trent River within the municipalities of Trent Hills and Quinte West should expect increasing water levels and flows for at least the next week as the spring runoff moves downstream through the river system. Residents should ensure their sump pumps are working and secure personal property (boats, docks, etc.) along river banks.

While the Trent River typically peaks in mid to late April, temperature and precipitation conditions over the next several weeks could affect the timing of the peak this spring. Lower Trent Conservation is maintaining regular contact with the Trent-Severn Waterway who are making operational changes to water control structures on the river system to manage runoff from snowmelt and rainfall.

Residents experiencing flooding concerns on their property should contact their local municipality. Municipalities are the first to respond to, and assist with, flood emergencies.

The public is urged to use extreme caution around all watercourses due to strong currents, very cold water temperatures, and slippery stream banks. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children away from all waterways. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times.

Lower Trent Conservation staff will be monitoring water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Anyone having concerns about water levels may call Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

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