



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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Water Safety Statement

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A **Water Safety Statement** is issued during 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.**

DATE: April 1, 2015

TIME: 2:00 PM

ISSUED TO: Municipalities (Alnwick/Haldimand, Brighton, Centre Hastings, Cramahe, Quinte West, Stirling-Rawdon, Trent Hills), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources, Trent-Severn Waterway, Ontario Power Generation, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

MESSAGE #: LTC – 02 – 15

Lower Trent Conservation (LTC) has issued a Water Safety Statement for the *Lower Trent watershed region* (area stretching from Quinte West to Grafton, and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake).

A forecast for rain and warming temperatures over the next two days (Thursday and Friday) will result in the reduction of most of the remaining snowpack in the area. Flows on all small creeks and streams across the watershed region, including Mayhew, Cold, Rawdon, Mill, Trout, Butler, Salt, Colborne, and Shelter Valley Creeks, will increase through the Easter long weekend in response to the melting snow and precipitation.

Water levels on the Trent River are currently low. Springtime water conditions on the Trent River from Rice Lake to the Bay of Quinte are not anticipated until later this month.

Ice cover on most small creeks and streams has been greatly reduced with the very slow spring melt and the risk of flooding from ice jamming has been greatly diminished. The Trent River and the Bay of Quinte, however, remain primarily ice covered and should be considered extremely unsafe.

The public is further cautioned that fast moving water, cold water temperatures, and unstable streambanks will create additional hazards. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children away from all waterways.

This Watershed Safety Statement will be in effect until (or updated before) Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

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

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