



WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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LOWER TRENT
CONSERVATION

Water Safety Statement

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

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: January 11, 2018

TIME: 1:00 PM

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

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Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public of the following water level conditions for the Lower Trent watershed region (an area stretching from Quinte West to Grafton, and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake).

Rivers and streams within the Lower Trent Conservation watershed region are currently flowing in the normal range for this time of year with many watercourses frozen. The above freezing temperatures and rainfall forecast for today and early Friday will initiate some melting of the snow pack over the next 36 hours.

Runoff from rain and snowmelt may result in small increases in water levels on local watercourses, but no flooding problems are anticipated at this time. There may be potential for some ice break up on local waterways which could result in ice jamming. Lower Trent Conservation will continue to monitor conditions but if residents observe sudden increases in water levels or the formation of ice jams, they should call the Lower Trent Conservation office. The return to colder temperatures over the weekend will quickly slow runoff.

Water levels and flows on the Trent River are expected to remain stable.

Under the current mild conditions, all local rivers, streams, and lakes should be considered extremely dangerous. Ice cover may become unstable and hazardous, and should be considered unsafe. Parents are urged to keep children away from all waterways. Areas around water control structures should be avoided at all times.

Lower Trent Conservation monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Daily water level updates are available at www.ltc.on.ca. If you have concerns about water levels, please contact Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829. This *Water Safety Statement* will be in effect through Saturday, January 13, 2018.

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