

## **Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook**

### **North Bay District**

Thursday, April 02, 2026  
12:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources – North Bay District, is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook bulletin is in effect in the district until Thursday, April 09, 2026 at 4:00pm.

Residents in the North Bay District area should keep a close watch on conditions and exercise caution around lakes, rivers, creeks and streams. The rainfall that's forecasted to begin later today and continue until Saturday, combined with warm temperatures is expected to impact lower-lying and known flood-prone areas. Please alert and or monitor any children and pets under your care to possible dangers and supervise their activities around waterbodies.

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

#### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

##### **Description of Weather System**

A Colorado low is forecast to move over the area later today bringing with it the potential for freezing rain before precipitation turns to rain as temperatures rise above the freezing mark. In areas that receive freezing rain, accumulations are expected to reach 2mm to 3mm.

Rain, heavy at times is expected to begin this evening/overnight and continue through until later in the day on Saturday. The current forecast shows that total rainfall amounts during this period could reach between 30mm to 60mm. Most of the rain is expected to be received today and Saturday with lesser amounts falling on Friday.

Daytime temperatures throughout the district will climb above the freezing mark by tomorrow morning and remain there until Monday when they will drop down below freezing again. Nighttime temperatures will remain just below or close to freezing until Sunday night

when they will drop back well below freezing. Friday's daytime temperatures are forecast to reach 7°C and 14°C respectively in the northern and southern reaches of the district.

### **Description of Current Conditions**

Current water levels across the district are within normal ranges for this time of year; however, flows in rivers, streams and creeks have increased with the recent warming/rain events and are expected to react accordingly to the forecasted rainfall.

Lake and river ice is expected to continue deteriorating and is considered unsafe in most areas of the district. Extreme caution should be used around all bodies of water as spring freshet begins.

Significant flooding is not expected; however, rainfall, snowmelt and runoff is expected to result in nuisance flooding in low-lying and flood prone areas. Ground throughout the district remains frozen, meaning that it's saturated and has very little capacity, if any, to absorb moisture from runoff or rainfall. The existing snowpack has a high moisture content and reduced ability to absorb rainfall which will contribute to impacts such as pooling of water. Warming temperatures and the forecasted rain will accelerate snowmelt and increase the amount of runoff reaching watercourses.

Residents are encouraged to prepare accordingly and keep a close watch of local weather forecasts, special weather statements and warnings as weather systems can be dynamic, and paths of travel and amount and type of precipitation may change.

**This message remains in effect until Thursday, April 9 at 4pm, or until it's updated.**

### **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](http://www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre)
- Environment Canada bulletins: [www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.

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