

Watershed Conditions Statement: Water Safety **Tuesday, December 17th, 2024 to Friday, December 20th, 2024**

Saugeen Conservation advises that water levels have increased significantly overnight in response to above freezing temperatures and widespread recent rainfall.

A warm front accompanied by 5 to 20 mm of rain moved into the watershed yesterday, December 16th, 2024, resulting in substantial depletion of the snowpack. Temperatures will remain above freezing for the next several days resulting in further melting of the snowpack. In response, water levels have increased sharply overnight and are above seasonal range. Peak water levels are not expected to occur until Wednesday and into Thursday.

While significant flooding is not expected, watercourses could reach or exceed bank-full conditions, with minor flooding in low-lying areas. High water levels, fast-flowing water, weakened ice, and slippery stream banks will create hazardous conditions near all waterways.

The public is reminded to stay away from all watercourses and structures such as pedestrian bridges, culverts, and dams.

Once water levels have returned to a normal range, landowners are advised to check private dams, culverts, and catch basins to make sure they are free from debris and function as intended.

Municipal staff should monitor local drainage problem areas where snow conditions may have covered catch basins.

Saugeen Conservation staff will be closely monitoring the situation and will provide an update if conditions change. This message will remain in effect until Friday, December 20th at 4:30 PM, unless otherwise updated.

To report flooding in your area, visit our website: saugeenconservation.ca/reportflood

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