

## **Watershed Conditions Statement: Water Safety** **Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

*Saugeen Conservation advises that water levels are continuing to increase in response to unseasonably warm temperatures and melting of the snowpack. Water levels are expected to remain elevated through the week.*

Temperatures reached up to 12°C yesterday (December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024) which resulted in significant melting of the snowpack and increased water levels in all watercourses. Temperatures are forecasted to remain above freezing until mid-week. A low-pressure system will bring rain, at times heavy, to the watershed today (December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024) with showers lingering into Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Rainfall totals of 20 to 35 millimetres are possible as a result of this low-pressure system. In response, water levels are expected to remain elevated through the week.

While significant flooding is not expected, watercourses could reach or exceed bank-full conditions, with minor flooding in low-lying areas as soil becomes saturated. 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.

Municipal staff are advised to monitor local drainage problem areas where remaining snow and ice 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, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 AM, unless otherwise updated.

To report flooding in your area, visit our website: [saugeenconservation.ca/reportflood](http://saugeenconservation.ca/reportflood)

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