



Water Safety
Statement

WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT: WATER SAFETY

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To: Watershed Media
Watershed Municipalities and Counties
SVCA Authority Members

Message:

The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority advises that severe storms, resulting from Hurricane Fiona, have brought significant rainfall to our watershed. As of this morning, rainfall amounts have ranged from 50 to 100mm since Sunday, with the heaviest amounts generally concentrated along the shoreline. These severe storms will continue throughout the day today potentially bringing another 20 to 35mm of rain, with the heaviest amounts again being concentrated along the shoreline.

Please be aware that water levels in our streams have already risen by over 30 centimeters in the past 24 hours. Soils will be saturated following Sunday and Monday's rain, meaning that much of today's rainfall will end up as runoff into our streams, contributing to rapidly increasing water levels. Significant flooding is not expected but water levels will continue rise until later in the week. The public are reminded to stay away from all watercourses and structures such as bridges, culverts, and dams. **Elevated water levels, fast flowing water, and slippery conditions along stream banks make these locations extremely dangerous. People are encouraged to defer recreational activities on our watercourses at this time.**

Saugeen Conservation staff will be closely monitoring the situation over the next 48 hours and will provide an update if conditions change. This message will remain in place until 10:00 pm on Thursday September 29, 2022.

For more information, please contact:

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Types of Flood Messages:

Watershed Conditions Statement, Water Safety: General watershed conditions are being assessed for high runoff potential that could lead to flooding, and to remind the public of general river safety issues.

Watershed Conditions Statement, Flood Outlook: Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

Flood Watch: Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services, landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

Flood Warning: Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.