



## WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT: WATER SAFETY

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To: Media Member Municipalities & Counties SVCA Staff & Authority Members

Message:

Saugeen Conservation advises that the Flood Watch, issued on December 31, 2022, has been downgraded to a Water Safety statement. Forecast rainfall and further snowmelt will result in rising water levels and dangerous water conditions.

Rainfall in the amount of 20 to 30mm is forecast for our watershed between today and Wednesday. Most watercourses peaked Sunday evening / Monday morning, however water levels remain high. With rain in the forecast and the ground being saturated, it is expected that flows will remain high over the next few days and could reach bankfull conditions again.

While significant flooding is not expected, additional flooding in low lying areas may occur. **Residents are** reminded to stay away from all watercourses. High water levels, fast flowing water, weakened ice, and slippery stream banks will create hazardous conditions near all waterways.

Saugeen Conservation staff will be closely monitoring the situation and will provide an update if conditions change. This message will remain in place until Friday January 6, 2023 at 4:00PM.

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Notice Type: 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.