

Watershed Conditions Statement: Water Safety & Flood Watch Monday, March 17, 2025 to Friday, March 21, 2025

Saugeen Conservation advises that the Flood Outlook statement issued on Monday, March 10th has been replaced with a combined Flood Watch and Water Safety statement.

Flood Watch – Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Brockton

Water Safety – Township of Chatsworth, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Town of Hanover, Township of Howick, Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, Municipality of South Bruce, Township of Huron-Kinloss, Municipality of Kincardine, Town of Minto, Township of Wellington-North, Town of Saugeen Shores, Township of Southgate, Municipality of West Grey

Throughout the watershed, above seasonal temperatures between Friday and Sunday, combined with rainfall, have led to a nearly complete loss of the snowpack and significant runoff into watercourses. While small watercourses have peaked, they remain elevated and continue to spill into nearby low-lying rivers. The Main Saugeen River continues to increase and is expected to peak later today.

For the municipalities of Arran-Elderslie and Brockton, the Main Saugeen River is currently elevated and is anticipated to continue to rise throughout the day. Residents are advised that several roadways and bridges in this area are closed due to overtopping or unsafe conditions. Please refer to communication from the municipalities and Bruce County for more information.

Residents are reminded not to attempt to drive or walk through flooded areas. Conditions can change rapidly, and access routes can be cut-off quickly. Watercourses will continue to present a significant hazard throughout the week ahead.

The Flood Watch statement for the municipalities of Brockton and Arran-Elderslie does not require the municipalities to implement their emergency response plans. Municipal staff throughout the SVCA watershed are advised to continue monitoring infrastructure for blockages until water levels significantly recede.

Both the Water Safety Statement and the Flood Watch Statement will remain in effect until Friday, March 21, 2025 at 4:00pm. Saugeen Conservation staff will continue to monitor watershed conditions and will provide an update if conditions change.

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

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