

Flood Watch

North Bay District

Friday, April 25, 2025
12:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – North Bay District, is advising area residents that a **Flood Watch** is in effect for the **Tomiko River Watershed** until May 2, 2025, at 4:00pm.

Residents in Tomiko River watershed should keep a close watch on conditions and exercise caution around rivers and streams. Runoff into local lakes and river is anticipated to increase with forecasted rainfall. The forecasted precipitation starting Friday through to Saturday could cause local flooding in low lying areas. Please alert and monitor any children under your care to possible dangers and supervise their activities.

Residents that have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue take necessary action to protect/secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions and regularly check for updated messages.

The ministry is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. Further updates will be issued as appropriate.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

A high-pressure system is expected to move across Northeast Region Friday evening through to Saturday, which is expected to bring moderate to significant rain in the range of 10 to 25mm with additional precipitation in areas that experience thunderstorms.

The 5-day total precipitation accumulation ranges from 15 mm to 35 mm. Daytime temperatures are forecasted to range between 7-17°C, with nighttime temperatures ranging from below freezing up to 9°C.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels within the Tomiko River watershed have been high due to recent snowmelt and precipitation. Water levels and river flows are anticipated to increase as precipitation and warm weather is received, melting the remaining snow, and increasing runoff into local watersheds.

Municipalities, residents and visitors, especially those in low-lying areas and along shorelines, are encouraged to monitor conditions and prepare accordingly. Shorelines and banks adjacent to waterbodies are very slippery and unstable at this time and when combined with cold, fast flowing water, pose a serious hazard.

DEFINITIONS

- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that high flows, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for such users as boaters, anglers and swimmers but flooding is not expected.
- **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high winds or other conditions.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that **along the Great Lakes shorelines high water**, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous but flooding is not expected.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding **along the Great Lakes shorelines** based on weather and lake conditions, and water safety information.
- **FLOOD WATCH:** potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities.
- **FLOOD WARNING:** flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

LEARN MORE

- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.