

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - GENERAL WATERCOURSE SAFETY BULLETIN

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To: All School Boards
All Municipalities
Police Services
MNR, Area, District and Provincial Response Centre
News media
Hamilton Region & Grand River Conservation Authorities

From: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Subject: General Watercourse Safety Bulletin

This is a general Watercourse Safety bulletin that is intended to remind the public that there is the potential for hazardous watercourse conditions to develop.

Rainfall amounts of up to 40mm are forecast over the next two days. The western portion of our watershed (Hamilton, Grimsby, and Haldimand) are currently predicted to receive the largest amount of rainfall.

Stream level conditions are generally normal for this time of year. However, parents are urged to keep children well away from the cold streams, ditches and creeks at this time as water levels may rapidly rise. Drivers are reminded to be careful of water over roads; particularly at night.

Given the intensity of rainfall and short duration, local municipalities are advised to check for debris at culverts and catch basins to ensure that runoff can move effectively into watercourses.

The public is urged to keep a close watch on watercourse conditions and listen to their local weather reports for updates on the weather.

This advisory will be updated as required.

Steve Miller, P.Eng.,
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