

Flood Warning

Sudbury District

Thursday, April 30, 2026
4:00pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources– Sudbury District, is advising residents that a Flood Warning is still in effect and will remain until Thursday, May 07, 2026 at 12pm.

Residents in the Sudbury district, including the communities of Greater Sudbury, Espanola, Nairn-Hyman, Sables-Spanish River, Baldwin, Spanish, Killarney, Sagamok, St. Charles, French River, Markstay-Warren, and Manitoulin Island, should exercise caution along local waterways. Due to recent rainfall and snow melt, local streams, rivers and lakes will continue to see high flows and sustained high-water levels. Residents are encouraged to take necessary action to secure or protect property in flood-prone or vulnerable areas. Please monitor any children or pets under your care around these hazards and supervise their activities.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

The weather forecast for the next few days is calling for daytime temperatures in the single digits and evening temperatures will remain above freezing. No significant precipitation is expected through the weekend, however there is the possibility of 5-10mm of precipitation on Monday.

Description of Current Conditions

While recent rainfall diminished much of the snowpack in the northern sections of the major watersheds (Onaping, Vermillion, Spanish and Wanapitei) this event caused an increase in flows and levels. Many of the lakes in the southern areas of the district are now ice free, lakes to the north still have partial or complete ice cover. Expectations are for sustained high water levels and flows for the next while.

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
- **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/flooding
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.