



# WATER LEVEL BULLETIN

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**LOWER TRENT**  
CONSERVATION

Water Safety Statement

## Water Safety Statement—Local Creeks

A **Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety** is issued during high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc.

**DATE:** March 14, 2025

**TIME:** 4:30 PM

**ISSUED TO:** Municipalities (Alnwick/Haldimand, Brighton, Centre Hastings, Cramahe, Quinte West, Stirling-Rawdon, Trent Hills), Northumberland & Hastings Counties, Ministry of Natural Resources, Parks Canada – Ontario Waterways, Ontario Power Generation, Innergex, Media, Health Units, Emergency Response Agencies

**MESSAGE #:** LTC – 25 – 04

**Valid until Wednesday, March 19, 2024 at 12:00pm**

Lower Trent Conservation advises municipalities and the public that a **Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety** has been issued for the **local creeks within the Lower Trent Watershed region** (area stretching for Grafton to Quinte West and from Lake Ontario to Rice Lake and east to Centre Hastings). It is important to note that during this time high water levels unsafe banks or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users and waterfront land owners. Although flooding is **not** expected, localized inundation of low-lying and poorly drained areas may be possible.

Starting Friday, March 14, the watershed will likely experience continuous snowmelt with daytime air temperatures reaching 10-14 degrees over the next 3 days. Additionally, above normal temperatures will be accompanied by up to 20 millimeters of rain on Saturday and Sunday. The snowpack that remains is dense and unable to absorb any of the melt or rain forecasted this weekend, and the forecasted above normal temperatures and rainfall will accelerate the snowmelt leading to increased runoff into the local streams.

Water levels along our local creeks and streams are around the average for this time of year; however, increased water levels and stream flow is expected with the forecasted rainfall and increased runoff from snowmelt.

Municipalities and the public should be aware that localized inundation is possible in urban areas where storm drains may not be able to handle the snowmelt and rainfall.

While the potential dangers presented by rivers, small streams and open ditches never cease to exist, they are of particular concern at this time of the year. Water currents are strong and temperatures dangerously cold. Parents and caregivers are advised to keep children and pets away from all waterways. Areas around dams, culverts and bridges should be avoided at all times.

Lower Trent Conservation monitors water levels and weather forecasts closely as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Daily water level updates are available at [www.LTC.on.ca](http://www.LTC.on.ca). If you have concerns about water levels, please contact Lower Trent Conservation at (613) 394-4829.

This Water Safety Statement for local creeks and streams will be in effect until **Wednesday March 19, 2025 at 12:00pm.**

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