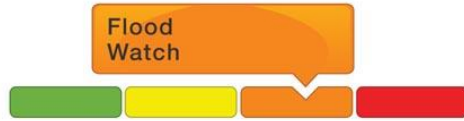




## **Watershed Condition Status – Flood Watch Statement**

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The Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority is issuing a Flood Watch Statement to residents regarding current or anticipated watershed conditions. Flood forecasting and warning are part of the Conservation Authority's provincially mandated responsibilities. This statement is sent out so that residents can be informed and aware.

The current weather forecast indicates significant rainfall on the weekend and next week. Area watershed forecast indicates 65 mm to 85 mm of rainfall for the next five days. Heavy rain is expected to fall Saturday into Saturday night. Locally higher amounts are possible due to thunderstorms on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Currently, local rivers, creeks and streams are flowing at normal levels. The surface runoff due to heavy downpours can cause levels and flows to rise across the watershed. There may be localized flooding in low-lying areas.

The flood control channels owned and maintained by the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority are currently flowing at normal levels. The flood control channels will experience a rise in water levels. It is important to remember that the water in rivers, streams and the channels is cold and fast flowing.

The Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority will continue to closely monitor stream flows across the watershed and update this message based on the changing weather/streamflow conditions.

Residents and visitors are urged to stay away from the flood control channels and all waterways. Flows can be especially dangerous and stream banks can be slippery. Please keep children and pets away from waterways during this time.

This statement is in effect until May 1, 2024.

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