

# FLOOD WATCH

The Essex Region Conservation Authority advises that a line of strong thunderstorms is predicted to move through the Essex Region over the next few hours. These storms may include flooding downpours with rainfall amounts of 25 to 50 mm and wind gusts of 60 to 80 km/hr.

The potential for flooding exists throughout the region especially in low-lying areas adjacent to and within floodplain areas of all major waterways and shoreline areas.

People should take extra caution and avoid rivers, ditches, streams and shoreline areas. The combination of slippery banks and fast moving water can be extremely dangerous. The strong winds may also result in lake waves overtopping breakwalls/shorelines. Standing water can also present its own unseen hazards. Children, pets and livestock should be kept away from areas of flowing water, standing water and breakwall/shoreline areas.

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**Time:** 4:45 pm

**This advisory is in effect until:** 9:00 am, Saturday, July 1, 2017

**Municipalities and Other Agencies:**

Upon receipt, hand directly to the Flood Coordinator or Emergency Planner for your Municipality or Agency.

**Media:**

Upon receipt, hand directly to your newsroom.

### **Types of Flood Bulletins**

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| Watershed Conditions - Safety Bulletins | High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.                              |
| Watershed Conditions – Flood Outlook    | Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion. |
| Flood Watch Bulletins                   | Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.                                                    |
| Flood Warning Bulletins                 | Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities.                                                                                                                                 |