



The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has issued the following **FLOOD WARNING UPDATE** effective immediately, **1:00 PM, 25 April 2019**.

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Although the CVCA watershed has stabilized from rainfall and snowmelt earlier this week, the *predicted rainfall of 30 to 40mm* starting Friday and continuing to Saturday morning will reverse any declining trends experienced in the last 24 hour period for all lakes, rivers and streams. There could be significant increases to flows and levels already recorded during this ongoing spring flood. Therefore, this **FLOOD WARNING UPDATE** has been issued, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**. Upward trends are expected to become apparent 12 to 24 hours after the anticipated rainfall has been received across the entire watershed.

High levels and flows are currently being experienced throughout the watershed. The additional rainfall received on ground either already saturated or still in a frozen state will impede any ability of the ground to absorb the forecasted precipitation. Therefore, areas currently experiencing flooding have the potential for increased flows and levels beyond highs already seen this flood and they include 1) the Crowe River from Cordova Lake south through the Village of Marmora until the Crowe empties into the Trent River, 2) Beaver Creek in the Marmora area and 3) Paudash Lake, Wollaston Lake, Chandos Lake, St. Ola (Limerick) Lake, Steenburg Lake, Cordova Lake, Belmont Lake and Crowe Lake. Municipalities, emergency services and individuals in flood prone areas should remain vigilant to deal with higher levels and flows. This may result in more properties requiring sandbagging or those already sandbagged may require additional protection.

Increased flows and water levels on lakes, rivers and their tributaries are hazardous. Parents need to inform their children of these conditions.

THEREFORE, THE CVCA URGES EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM ALL DAMS, WEIRS, HYDRO GENERATING PLANTS, BRIDGES. SPRINGTIME CONDITIONS ON WATERCOURSES CAN EASILY CREATE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS CAUSING HARM OR DROWNING ACCIDENTS LEADING TO FATALITIES.

STAY AWAY FROM ICE COVERED SURFACES, DITCHES AND TRIBUTARIES – WATER FLOWS CONTINUE TO INCREASE RAPIDLY.

CVCA staff will continue to monitor levels and flows daily and this **Flood Warning** will be updated **SUNDAY APRIL 28TH** or as conditions warrant. If there are any questions or concerns, contact Tim Pidduck, CVCA General Manager or Neil McConkey, Water Resources Supervisor at 613-472-3137. The CVCA includes portions of the municipalities of Trent Hills, Stirling-Rawdon, Marmora and Lake, Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, North Kawartha, Wollaston, Limerick, Tudor and Cashel, Faraday and Highlands East.

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