

Flood Warning

Bracebridge-Minden-Parry Sound District

Wednesday, April 22, 2026
11:30am

The Ministry of Natural Resources – Bracebridge-Minden-Parry Sound District is advising area residents and visitors that a Flood Warning is in effect in the district **until Wednesday, April 29, 2026**.

This message applies district-wide across the MNR Bracebridge–Minden–Parry Sound District, including portions of the District of Parry Sound, District of Muskoka, and County of Haliburton. All watersheds within the district are affected, including the Severn, Boyne, Black, French, Burnt, Gull, Pickerel, Seguin, South, Magnetawan, and Muskoka River watersheds.

MNR advises municipalities and residents to take immediate action to safeguard homes and property. Flooding could occur quickly and with little or no warning.

Several areas are experiencing elevated water levels and flows. In some locations, levels are comparable to those observed in 2019 and may result in localized infrastructure impacts and flooding.

Residents and visitors should anticipate lake and river water levels to start to stabilize in some areas over the next week, with decreases possible in some locations.

Municipalities hold primary responsibility for emergency response to flood events, including protecting residents and property, undertaking first response actions, and coordinating recovery.

Go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/floods> and your local municipality for more information.

Residents that have been affected by high water and flow conditions in the past should continue to take necessary action to protect or secure any vulnerable property in proximity to rivers and lakes and closely monitor developing conditions.

Lower-lying portions of known flood-prone areas may be impacted to varying degrees as runoff enters local watercourses.

MNR advises residents to exercise extreme caution concerning ice conditions. No ice is safe ice. Most lakes within the area are ice-free or have limited ice cover remaining. Increased water levels and temperatures may erode the ice and create floating ice hazards that could damage waterfront infrastructure.

MNR also advises extreme caution when using forest access roads for outdoor activities, as many are seasonally inundated with water and prone to washouts. These roads may be impassable due to current water levels.

Slippery stream banks and fast-flowing, cold water will create hazardous conditions around all water bodies. Residents are reminded to keep a close watch on weather conditions, regularly check for updated messages, exercise caution near fast-moving rivers and streams and maintain close supervision of children and pets.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Generally dry and warm conditions are expected over the next seven days, which may limit additional runoff.

The 7-day weather forecast is predicting daytime highs of 12°C to 17°C and overnight lows between 1°C and 7°C with up to 10 mm of rainfall.

Description of Current Conditions

River levels and flows within the district remain elevated and are expected to persist across most locations.

Lake water levels in several areas are near or have exceeded the upper limits of the Normal Operating Zone (NOZ) and are now in the High-Water Zone.

Remaining snowpack is limited and is expected to have minimal impact on runoff.

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/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre
- Environment Canada bulletins: www.weather.gc.ca
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment and Climate Change Canada is recommended.

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