

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook

Pembroke District

Inland areas of Renfrew County

Friday, April 17, 2026
3:00 pm

The Ministry of Natural Resources – Pembroke District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook **remains in effect** for inland areas of Renfrew County until Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Recent warm weather and precipitation have resulted in the melting of the snowpack and lake ice. This combined with forecasted precipitation and continued warm temperatures, will result in high water conditions as the freshet runoff moves through the system.

Although no widespread flooding is expected at this time, water levels and flow in the inland areas of Renfrew County will increase, and flooding in low-lying areas and areas with poor drainage is possible.

Residents in flood-prone areas are encouraged to closely follow changing conditions and to take necessary measures and exercise caution around rivers and streams. Please alert and monitor any children under your care to possible dangers and supervise their activities.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

A low-pressure system is forecast to move across the province over the weekend. 15 to 20 mm of widespread rainfall is forecast for the southern region of the province.

Daytime temperatures are consistently between 5 to 20 degrees. A cold front is expected to follow the low pressure system, bringing colder temperatures Sunday and into the beginning of the week.

Description of Current Conditions

The MNR continues to closely monitor local lakes, rivers and weather conditions.

Water levels and flows are fairly stable inland; however, levels and flows are expected to increase due to spring runoff combined with the recent and forecasted precipitation. Levels are expected to rise over the next few days in all locations.

Minor flooding in low-lying areas can be expected, and those areas currently experiencing high water levels or flooding can expect these conditions to continue. A close watch of local weather forecasts, special weather statements, and warnings is recommended.

A Flood Warning is in effect April 17, 2026 to April 22, 2026 for the Ottawa River **from Pembroke to Arnprior**.

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
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – WATER SAFETY:** indicates that **along the Great Lakes shorelines high water**, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous but flooding is not expected.
- **SHORELINE CONDITIONS STATEMENT – FLOOD OUTLOOK:** gives early notice of the potential for flooding **along the Great Lakes shorelines** based on weather and lake conditions, and water safety information.
- **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 Canada is recommended.

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