



Re: **WATERSHED CONDITIONS STATEMENT – Water Safety**
Update # 3– April 5, 2019

Warmer temperatures and rainfall early next week, potential for levels to increase rapidly through the week

April 5, 2019 MISSISSIPPI AND CARP RIVER WATERSHEDS— With warmer temperatures and potential rain on Sunday, flows and levels are expected to increase more rapidly across the Mississippi River watershed next week. Although flows in the Carp River will also increase as the remainder of the snow enters the system, serious flood levels are not expected at this time. **No significant flooding is expected over the next four days along the main stem of the Mississippi, Clyde, Fall or Indian Rivers.**

Parents are encouraged to remind their children about hypothermia and the dangers of playing on or near ice covered surfaces or fast flowing water in ditches and smaller creeks. They are also reminded to keep their pets away from the same areas. Residents are strongly urged to stay off all ice covered waterways.

Residents in flood prone or low lying areas, historically susceptible to flooding, should take the necessary precautions to protect their property, such as:

- **Ensuring sump pump is clear, in good working condition and has a backwater valve on it**
- **Portable backup generator and/or battery pump**
- **Ensuring downspouts are clear and the outlet is at least 3 m from the dwelling**
- **Removing or securing items that might float away as flows increase**

- Removing valuable items from basements or lower floors that could be subject to flooding
- Keep emergency phone numbers handy
- Familiarize yourself with your **municipality's emergency preparedness plan**

Daily water levels and flows are available on the MVCA website at www.mvc.on.ca. Updates to the watershed conditions will be issued as required.

This watershed conditions statement is in effect until April 9, 2019 and will be updated at that time unless the forecast or conditions change.

The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority flood forecasting and warning program staff [monitors](#) weather conditions, [snowpack water content](#), [operates](#) dams to help mitigate flooding, estimates expected river flows and water levels and issues flood advisories or warnings as required. MVCA provides early warning and continuous monitoring to municipal and provincial emergency response personnel through a flood event.

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