

CATFISH CREEK CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FLOOD ADVISORY BULLETIN



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Flood Advisory for Residents of Catfish Creek Watershed

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This is an **ADVISORY** that should rainfall patterns intensify, circumstances may deteriorate and flooding could take place in low-lying areas of the watershed.

Heavy rain is forecast with rainfall totals possibly reaching 50 to 60mm in many areas by this evening. Rain ahead of this disturbance will continue over South Western Ontario today and this evening.

A large and moisture laden low over Ohio will track slowly northeastward, bringing a large amount of precipitation with it to South Western Ontario. This low will then track northeast across the Lower Great Lakes by Wednesday.

The Catfish Creek watershed is forecast to receive up to 60mm of rain, through today, tonight and into Wednesday morning. Ground conditions are already soaked due to rain received over the past weekend (Sunday, November 27th); this will cause a greater amount of the forecast precipitation to runoff into creeks.

Potentially hazardous circumstances may exist; primary concerns are increasing creek levels and associated intensifying stream flows. If conditions worsen **HIGH** possibilities exist for flooding of low-lying areas which traditionally experience flooding, fields, adjacent parkland, urban storm drains, small streams, creeks, or urban areas. Water levels are approaching bank-full in most areas throughout the watershed and may escalate over top of bank. Flooding is expected to begin later today, and continuing into Wednesday and taper on Thursday. At the present, no serious flooding is anticipated within the watershed.

CCCA staff is monitoring the situation and will provide updates as necessary.

People are warned to stay away from ditches, streams, rivers and ponds as the combination of slippery banks and fast-flowing water is very dangerous. Parents in particular are urged to keep children away from floodplain areas.

This advisory will remain in effect for the next 48 hours. Residents are asked to watch local conditions closely and take appropriate action. Updates will be made available if conditions warrant.