

# NEWS RELEASE

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**Cataraqui Region  
Conservation Authority**

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## FLOOD WATCH UPDATE FOR INLAND LAKES

**KINGSTON ON** – The Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) has updated its Flood Watch Statement today for specific inland lakes in the region.

Total rainfall amounts this month (80 mm in Kingston) have already exceeded the monthly average for May (75 mm in Kingston), resulting in high water levels on area lakes. Wet weather is expected to continue over the following week, with uncertainty as to the forecasted rainfall amounts.

The following areas have been added to this Flood Watch:

Athens and Lyn Area

Centre Lake

Lees Pond

Temperance Lake

Buell's & Butlers Creek Watershed

Buell's & Butlers Creeks

Buell's Creek Detention Basin

Buell's Creek Reservoir (Broome-Runciman)

Upper Beverley Lake has been removed from Flood Watch status.

Flood Watch remains in effect for:

Cataraqui River Watershed

Colonel By Lake

Cranberry Lake

Sand Lake

Gananoque River Watershed

Lower Beverley Lake

Singleton Lake

Flooding of low-lying areas around these lakes is a possibility.

Water Managers continue to operate area dams to pass flows down through the system and prevent flooding impacts as much as possible.

Residents in flood prone or low-lying areas, historically susceptible to flooding, are advised to remove items stored in the floodplains of area watercourses and lakes.



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Widespread flooding is **NOT** expected. If you witness flooding and/or require assistance your first point of contact is the local municipality. Depending on the municipality, they may have sandbags on hand for residents, should they require them.

With the attention of some residents now shifting to the boating season, CRCA is urging caution around dams (inflow and outflow channels) and fast flowing watercourses. Respect the hazards in these areas by obeying all warning signs, booms, buoys, and barriers. Stay well back from the edge of waters above and below dams and hydroelectric stations. Creek banks and lake shorelines may be slippery, increasing the chance of falling in.

Staff will continue to monitor conditions and forecasts and will update statements as needed. This Flood Watch Statement will remain in effect until (or updated before) May 22, 2019.

For up to date flooding information, please visit the CRCA's flood forecasting and information page at [www.crca.ca/flood](http://www.crca.ca/flood).

See below for watershed conditions terminology:

**Normal:** No flood conditions exist

**Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety:** High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors that could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.

**Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook:** Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

**Flood Watch:** Flooding is possible in specific watercourse or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

**Flood Warning:** Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.

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