

Flood Watch

Thunder Bay-Ignace District

Monday, April 27, 2026
12:00hrs

The Ministry of Natural Resources– Thunder Bay-Ignace District is advising area residents that a Flood Watch is in effect in the District until Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 10:00hrs

Residents in Ignace, Upsala, Raith, Kashabowie, Shebandowan, Armstrong, Thunder Bay and surrounding areas throughout the Thunder Bay-Ignace District should keep a close watch on upcoming weather forecasts and local water conditions. Residents should also exercise caution around less traveled roads, lakes, rivers and areas of high potential run-off. There is a risk of high water levels in low-lying areas as well as fast moving water. In the northern area of the district where evening temperatures may drop below freezing, slippery surfaces and freezing rain or snow might also be a risk.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

Between 20 to 30 millimetres of rain is forecasted for Monday afternoon into Tuesday for most areas across the district.

Description of Current Conditions

There is still snow present in certain areas of the district and the ground is not completely thawed. Water levels in rivers and streams are currently high due to precipitation received over the last week. Flooding in low-lying areas can be expected and those areas currently experiencing high water levels or flooding can expect these conditions to continue.

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 and Climate Change Canada is recommended.