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# Flood Advisory

*Bulletin Number:* 2009 Flood Event 2, Bulletin 5  
*Issued at:* March 12, 2009 at 9:45 am  
*Issued by:* Brian McDougall, Director of Watershed Services

## Highlights:

- Peak water levels occurred in most areas overnight

## Current:

As wind speeds slowed and swung around to the northwest through the day yesterday, water levels on the lower Sydenham River gradually began to fall. Peak water levels in Wallaceburg and Dresden on the Sydenham River occurred at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, respectively. Peak water levels in upstream areas occurred last evening and overnight. Levels peaked at Florence and Strathroy on the Sydenham River and at Petrolia on Bear Creek as well as on Black Creek at Bickford Line near midnight last night. Water levels at Brigden are peaking this morning and will begin to slowly recede by noon. In St. Clair Township, Waterworks Road north of Courtright Line, Stanley Line east of Kimball Road, Pretty Road north of McCallum Line have been closed due to flooding and may remain closed through the weekend in order for the roads to be repaired and made passable.

## Forecast:

As snow flurries tail off this morning, we appear to be entering a trend to dryer conditions with only a 40% chance of showers on Sunday or Monday. Temperatures are expected to return to near normal by Saturday and should continue slightly above normal into next week.

## The next few days:

As water levels in Brigden peak this morning, water levels are expected to fall at all locations through today and into the weekend. Water levels will return to near normal in upstream areas (Sydenham River at Strathroy, Bear Creek at Petrolia, Perch Creek at Sarnia) on Saturday and in downstream areas early next week. Municipal officials and road superintendents should continue to monitor local conditions as water levels recede.

Residents are reminded to avoid watercourses and flooded areas due to slippery banks and cold and swift moving water. Parents in particular are urged to keep their children away from floodplain areas.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority will monitor the flood condition of the watersheds in the region and will provide warnings to municipal officials and media in the event conditions develop which could result in the potential of flooding.

*Update:* As required.  
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*Confirmation:* Confirmation of receipt of this message **is not** required

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## Types of Flood Bulletins

- *Flood Monitoring/Safety Bulletins* are dual purpose in nature, with Monitoring Bulletins used to report on general watershed conditions to flood coordinators, and Safety Bulletins to remind the general public of general river safety issues.
- *Flood Advisory Bulletins* are issued when the potential for flooding exists in specific municipalities.
- *Flood Warning Bulletins* are issued after a forecast has been made and apply to specific flood damage centres where serious flooding appears inevitable.