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High Water / Safety Bulletin

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Highlights:

- Top of bank water levels on local watercourses
- Slippery stream banks
- Unstable ice conditions

Current:

Water levels across the St. Clair region are rising slightly as a result of snow melt and rainfall. Localized flooding is occurring at a handful of locations (Florence and Oil springs) while some areas have bank full conditions (Brigden and Alvinston).

In St. Clair Township, Waterworks Road, north of Courtright Line is closed due to flooding.

Short Term:

Temperatures are forecast to remain well above normal through Thursday and Friday reaching day time highs of 11^oC. Precipitation forecast for Thursday may result in accumulations near 10 mm. Remaining snow will continue to melt with rain and above freezing temperatures. Water levels will remain high on all watercourses through Friday. Water levels are expected to be near top of bank on the Sydenham River. Drains and smaller watercourses in upstream areas may experience localized flooding in some areas.

Water levels are expected to peak in upstream areas on Friday before proceeding downstream. Residential flooding at Dresden or Wallaceburg is not anticipated but conditions will continue to be monitored closely.

Residents are reminded to avoid watercourses and flooded areas due to slippery banks, cold and swift moving water, and deteriorating ice. 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.

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<i>Confirmation:</i>	Confirmation of receipt of this message <u>is not</u> required

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Types of Flood Bulletins

- *High Water/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.