

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety

Timmins Kirkland Lake District

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The Ministry of Natural Resources – Timmins Kirkland Lake District is advising area residents that a Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety is in effect in the district until Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Residents in Kirkland Lake, Gogama and surrounding areas of the district should exercise special caution around rivers and streams. Spring temperatures along with forecasted precipitation throughout the district are expected to increase melting, resulting in increased runoff and increased levels and flows. Please alert any children under your care to these possible dangers and supervise their activities.

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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Description of Weather System

A southwesterly flow and associated warm front are expected to move into the province, bringing another round of widespread precipitation, mainly affecting southern and eastern Ontario.

The 5-day total precipitation accumulation for areas near Kirkland Lake, Timmins and Gogama ranges from 20 mm to 40 mm.

The daytime temperature forecast is consistently between +3°C to +15°C in these areas with overnight lows from -4°C to +2°C.

Description of Current Conditions

Water levels are beginning to rise due to ongoing snowmelt and recent rainfall. As of the April 1st snow survey, anywhere from 218 to 300+ mm of snow water equivalent remains in sections of the Northeast Region, covering the Timmins Kirkland Lake District.

Watersheds covered under this advisory are either in frozen ground condition or just out of the deep freeze, meaning they are saturated and have little capacity to absorb moisture from runoff or rainfall. Warm temperatures and forecasted rain will accelerate the rate of snowmelt of the snowpack, increasing the amount of runoff reaching watercourses.

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.