

## Flood Watch

### Dryden-Fort Frances-Atikokan District

Wednesday, June 19, 2024  
17:00 hrs

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Dryden- Fort Frances- Atikokan District is advising area residents that a Flood Watch is in effect in the District until Friday, June 28, 2024 at 17:00 hrs.

Residents in Atikokan, Fort Frances, Mine Center, Emo, Rainy River and surrounding areas throughout the District should keep a close watch on upcoming weather forecasts and local water conditions. Localized areas throughout the district are experiencing high water levels and runoff from recent precipitation events may result in further increases to water levels in the coming days. Residents should also exercise caution around less travelled roads, lakes, rivers and areas of high runoff potential.

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

First-hand reports of changing water conditions from the public and local agencies are greatly appreciated and benefit the overall flood program. Please also consider tweeting reports of flooding with the hashtag #ONFlood.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

##### Description of Weather System

High amounts of rainfall were received in localized areas in the district resulting from the significant weather system that moved through northwestern Ontario yesterday.

##### Description of Current Conditions

Rainfall associated with this system has the potential to increase flow in watercourses that are already high.

#### 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](http://www.ontario.ca/page/surface-water-monitoring-centre)
- Environment Canada bulletins: [www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)
- A close watch on local conditions and weather forecasts from Environment Canada is recommended.

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