

## Otonabee Conservation issues three types of messages:

### 1 Watershed Conditions Statement

These are general notices of weather conditions that **could pose a risk to personal safety** or which **have the potential to lead to flooding**. There are two variations of this statement:



**Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety:** High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users, e.g. anglers, canoeists, hikers, children, pets, etc. Flooding is not expected.



**Watershed Conditions Statement – Flood Outlook:** Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams or a rise in water levels.

### 2 Flood Watch

**Flooding is possible** in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare. A Flood Watch message describes watershed conditions, the potential impact and may include a forecast of water levels. Municipal flood co-ordinators should initiate a check on their flood or emergency plans, monitor potential problem areas and, if required, remain on stand-by alert. Municipal flood co-ordinators may also advise specific properties at this stage.



### 3 Flood Warning

This is the most serious type of message: **flooding is imminent or already occurring** in specific watercourses or municipalities. A Flood Warning message may include a call for a specific action to be taken by flood co-ordinators and/or emergency services, e.g. closing roads and bridges, activating the emergency response plan, warning residents in specific areas or, in some cases, evacuation.



#### Getting the message:



**Website**  
[www.otonabee.com](http://www.otonabee.com)  
Flood messages are posted on the Otonabee Conservation website. The title of the message appears on the home page and links directly to the flood message.

**Flood Watch Hotline**  
705-745-5791, ext. 228  
You can listen to the flood message on the telephone by calling the Flood Watch Hotline. The message is updated as conditions warrant.

**Municipal Contact your local municipality**  
Flood messages are distributed to Community Emergency Management Coordinators throughout the watershed.