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HIGH WATER SAFETY BULLETIN

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Toronto and Region Conservation advises that Environment Canada is forecasting a weather system that may bring significant rainfall amounts to the Greater Toronto Area. Snow will begin this afternoon, but will quickly turn to rain and will continue through to Saturday morning.

Expected rainfall amounts will increase water levels in rivers and streams and cause them to become fast flowing, creating dangerous conditions. In addition, most of our ponds and small lakes are still covered or partially covered with melting ice. Slippery and unstable stream banks and the extremely cold water temperature can lead to very hazardous conditions close to any water body.

Please be aware of unsafe conditions, and exercise caution in areas near streams and rivers. Please alert any children under your care of these dangers and supervise their activities.

This High Water Safety Bulletin will be in effect through Sunday, March 13, 2011. For more information please contact the on-call Flood Duty Officer at 416.661.6514.

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Note: A High Water Safety Bulletin is a general notice that existing or potential conditions pose a risk to personal safety. High Water Safety Bulletins may be issued when streams are flowing at or near bankfull levels, when ice conditions are unsafe, or when stream banks are icy, soft and/or slippery.