

## Flood Warning

### Sault Ste. Marie / Blind River District – Goulais River

Tuesday, April 28, 2026  
5:00 PM

The Ministry of Natural Resources – Sault Ste. Marie/Blind River District is advising area residents that a Flood Warning is in effect for the District until Tuesday, May 05, 2026 at 12:00 pm.

Residents located within the Goulais River watershed area, should keep a close watch on water conditions, and stay away from fast-moving rivers and streams. Localized flooding is currently occurring in low-lying areas prone to flooding. A continued rise in **water levels is expected due to the runoff from recent melting and rainfall events.**

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

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

##### Description of Weather System

Daytime temperatures will range between +2 to +9°C with temperatures of -2 to +3°C overnight. There is a continued risk of scattered precipitation through the coming week.

##### Description of Current Conditions

Water levels and stream flows across the region have been above flood thresholds throughout the week from recent spring snow melt and precipitation events. The depth of snowpack throughout the District remains high especially in areas lying north of Goulais River and Searchmont. Snowpack measurements indicate depths of approximately 16 cm, with an average water equivalent exceeding 60 mm in the northern portion of the watershed. These values are above the long-term average and increase the likelihood of above normal runoff due to melting. In addition, approximately 15-20mm of rainfall was recorded between April 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> contributing to increased flows on the Goulais River. A close watch on local forecasts and conditions is recommended.

## 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 and Climate Change Canada is recommended.

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