

# Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

## FLOOD WARNING — UPDATE

*This update is further to the Flood Warning issued by this office on April 9, 2008.  
Further updates to this Flood Warning will be issued as required.*

Friday, April 11, 2008, 12:30 p.m. — Warning Number: 3/08 — Local rivers and streams in the Rideau Valley peaked overnight; however, today's precipitation will extend the peak flows over the next 24 to 36 hours. If most of the precipitation falls over the next 12 hours, water level could increase again, rising as much as another 15 to 25 centimetres (6 to 10 inches) above current water levels in flood vulnerable areas.

Last night's peak was close to "1 in 5 year" spring flood levels — which means there is a 20 percent chance, each and every spring, of these conditions being reached or exceeded as a result of snowmelt and rainfall runoff.

High water conditions can be expected to persist for several days.

The snow cover is largely, but not yet entirely, gone from open areas. Forested areas of the watershed continue to hold snow.

Environment Canada weather forecasters advise that up to 20 mm of mixed precipitation can be expected in our region over the next 48 hours, most of it falling through the next 12 hours.

This Flood Warning will be terminated when rivers and streams have crested and there is no significant rainfall in the short-term.

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Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is a partnership of municipalities within the Rideau Valley watershed created under the Conservation Authorities Act to deliver a range of programs in watershed management and natural resource conservation. The RVCA Flood Forecasting and Warning Program is done under a delegated responsibility from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and in conjunction with the Parks Canada-Rideau Canal for the residents and municipalities of the watershed.