



NEWS RELEASE

WATERSHED CONDITIONS BULLETIN

"No Flooding from Forecast Rain"

April 21, 2011 – Rain forecasted for Easter weekend and into next week can be expected to cause water levels in the Rideau River system to stay elevated. However, no flooding is expected to occur.

The rain yesterday and on Thursday caused flows throughout the watershed to increase into today. Flows will decline gradually through today and tomorrow. The decline will slow slightly with the rain on Saturday but continue on Sunday. The rain forecast for the start of next week is expected to bring the system to a peak by Thursday at flows similar to those seen today. As always, residents in low-lying areas should watch levels in their area and take action as conditions dictate.

With the increased flow and cold temperatures, rivers and streams are dangerous to be near. Everybody needs to be cautious and parents need to warn their children of the risks.

The RVCA will continue to monitor weather forecasts and river conditions in the daily planning cycle of its flood forecasting and warning program. Based on those observations, either Watershed Conditions, Flood Advisory or Flood Warning messages will be issued as warranted.

If watershed residents would like to receive RVCA flood messages directly through e-mail, contact Andrea Larsen at andrea.larsen@rvca.ca. You can also follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/RideauValleyCA) or visit our webpage at www.rvca.ca.

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The 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.