



# FLOOD WATCH & WARNING

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**Issued by:** Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

**TO:** Watershed Municipalities and Watershed Media

## MESSAGE:

Environment Canada has issued Rain Fall Warnings for our region including Grey Sauble watersheds. Across our watersheds we have received over 50 mm of rain. The forecast is calling for the rain to end this afternoon.

Several of our systems appear to have peaked overnight. However, flows remain high with most flows still exceeding average spring runoff conditions. **A Flood Watch is in effect for the entire Grey Sauble watershed.**

Flows are noticeably higher in the Sauble River, the Bighead River, and the Beaver River watersheds, with flooding observed in areas along these systems. **A Flood Warning is in effect for the Sauble River, the Bighead River, and the Beaver River.**

Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should be on alert. Hazardous conditions may exist around all waterbodies, as there is a high risk of life-threatening injury if a person falls into the extremely cold water. The public and especially children are advised to stay away from all waterbodies. Localized flooding may also occur in low lying areas that typically flood or are known to be impacted by ice jamming.

Grey Sauble staff will continue to monitor weather and river conditions and will provide updates as needed. A close watch on local forecasts and conditions is recommended.

**This message will be in effect until 10:00am on Thursday February 22, 2018.**

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## Grey Sauble Conservation issues THREE types of messages:

### 1. Watershed Conditions

#### Statement - Water Safety/Flood Outlook

These are general notices of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety of which have the potential to lead to flooding.

- i) Water Safety: High flows, unsafe banks, melting ice, etc.
- ii) Flood Outlook: Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, etc.

### 2. Flood Watch

Flooding is possible in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, emergency services and individual landowners in flood-prone areas should prepare.

### 3. Flood Warning

This is the most serious type of message: flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities.