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## POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING DURING SPRING HIGH WATER PERIOD

The Pembroke District of the Ministry of Natural Resources advises that the spring freshet is well underway in Renfrew County. High water is occurring in lakes, streams and rivers and is expected to continue for the next few weeks.

Some localized flooding may occur in Renfrew County, particularly on the upper Bonnechere River and Round and Golden Lakes. For up-to-date information on the Bonnechere River system visit:

<http://www.renfrewpg.ca/>

Municipalities are advised to monitor their local watercourses closely and be prepared to respond to flooding emergencies as they occur.

Streams and rivers are also very dangerous at this time of year. MNR advises all residents to keep their children, pets and themselves away from riverbanks. Shorelines are extremely unsafe.

MNR monitors spring water levels on a provincial basis through the Surface Water Monitoring Centre and provides flood advisories to municipalities. Local municipalities are responsible for flood response, and can request assistance from provincial agencies in flood emergencies.

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