

Spring Safety Message: Be Careful Around Waterways

Hazardous conditions on and around bodies of water

Newmarket - March 8, 2018 – Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) is reminding residents of the dangers that exist near bodies of water, particularly around this time of year, and urges people to keep family and pets away from the edges of all waterways.

Spring is quickly approaching and with warmer temperatures, people look forward to getting outdoors. Warmer temperatures, however, also usually bring rain, melting snow and shifting ice which can contribute to higher, faster flowing water in watercourses.

Although Lake Simcoe's watershed received a typical amount of snow this past winter, the warmer temperatures experienced through February have resulted in an early snowmelt. The ground still remains saturated in many places and in periods of intense rain, there could be a higher amount of runoff in a much shorter interval than usual. As well, slippery and unstable streambanks and extremely cold water temperatures can also lead to very hazardous conditions close to any body of water.



Please keep family members and pets safely away from any water's edge.

The banks around any body of water are particularly treacherous this time of year. Please keep your kids and pets away.

For more information, contact your local Conservation Authority.

- ◆ Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (905) 895-1281
- ◆ Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (416) 661-6514
- ◆ Conservation Halton (905) 336-1158
- ◆ Credit Valley Conservation (905) 670-1615
- ◆ Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (905) 579-0411
- ◆ Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (905) 885-8173
- ◆ Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (705) 424-1479
- ◆ Kawartha Conservation (705) 328-2271

It is the mission of LSRCA to work with our community to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed by leading research, policy and action.

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