



HIGH WATER SAFETY BULLETIN

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Issued to the following groups:

- 1) Municipalities and Local Conservation Authorities
- 2) School Boards and Police
- 3) Media
- 4) Conservation Authority Chair, Vice Chair & C.A.O.

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority advises that cold temperatures during the last few days has led to the formation of frazil and anchor ice in some area watercourses.

Fast flowing streams that are resistant to ice cover are most susceptible to this phenomenon. Water becomes super cooled at cold temperatures and forms frazil ice. The frazil accumulates as anchor ice in the watercourse channel which can cause blockages and reduce the stream's ability to carry flow.

Higher water levels and flooding may result. Most susceptible are areas of the lower Nottawasaga River in Wasaga Beach, and the Mad, Noisy, and Pine Rivers in Clearview and Mulmur Townships but any fast flowing open watercourse is at risk.

The public and especially children are advised to stay away from all area water bodies as unstable ice conditions, slippery banks and cold water may result in a life threatening accident.

Current weather forecasts indicate that conditions will be suitable for frazil ice through the week end. This safety bulletin will be in affect to Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

For additional information, please call 705-424-1479, pick "1" for the flood information line or check our web site at: www.nvca.on.ca

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