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Be aware of spring dangers on our waterways

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority reminds everyone to stay well back from waterways, ditches, ponds and lakes during spring breakup

UTOPIA, Ontario, March 11, 2010 – While spring doesn't officially start until next week, recent temperatures have triggered the spring melt. While we did have a milder winter with less snow and ice in the watershed than normal, it is still important to be cautious at this time of year.

Member Municipalities

Adjala-Tosorontio

Amaranth

Barrie

The Blue Mountains

Bradford-West Gwillimbury

Clearview

Collingwood

Essa

Grey Highlands

Innisfil

Melancthon

Mono

Mulmur

New Tecumseth

Oro-Medonte

Shelburne

Springwater

Wasaga Beach

The onset of spring will bring rains and melting snow, causing the breakup of ice along watercourses and lakes and high stream flows. This is a hazardous condition that can cause life threatening injury if a person falls into the cold water.

"Everybody should be very careful near waterways at this time of year." says Brian Smith, Water Resource Technologist and Flood Warning Coordinator. "Keep yourself safe and be watchful of others. Especially during March break, it is crucial to supervise children and alert them to the dangers."



Nottawasaga River at Wasaga Beach

Please exercise caution around any water body over the next few weeks and help make this a safe and enjoyable spring.

The NVCA continues to monitor waterways and will issue flood messages as conditions warrant.

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For more information please contact Brian Smith, Water Resources Technologist, at 705-424-1479 ext. 226, or visit our website at www.nvca.on.ca. The flood status is indicated on the homepage.

About the NVCA

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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