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Issued at: 1:00 p.m. Friday March 6, 2026
Issued by: Maitland Conservation Flood Forecast Centre
To: All Municipalities in Maitland Conservation's area of jurisdiction, including the Nine Mile River watershed, and watershed media

Flood Watch

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is issuing a Flood Watch for all municipalities in the Maitland and Nine Mile River watersheds.

A Flood Watch means that flooding is possible but not imminent or certain.

Temperatures are forecast to reach a daytime high of 5°C today, before continuing to rise overnight to a high of approximately 16°C on Saturday. Significant snowmelt is expected to begin tonight and continue through Sunday. In addition, weather forecasts indicate 10-30 mm of rainfall during the overnight hours with the possibility of embedded thunderstorms, which could lead to localized higher rainfall totals.

Even without additional rainfall, river levels could reach those experienced during the December 2008 event. Water levels are expected to rise rapidly throughout Saturday, likely exceeding bankfull and resulting in riverine flooding beyond typical low-lying areas. Current projections suggest peak flows may occur between Sunday morning and Monday night, with elevated flows potentially continuing into Wednesday for downstream portions of the watershed.

Municipal officials are encouraged to check drainage systems, monitor low-lying and flood prone roads and prepare for road closures. We remind everyone that slippery and unstable streambanks and fast-moving cold water will create hazardous conditions around all watercourses.

Maitland Conservation is monitoring watershed conditions and will upgrade to a Flood Warning if conditions warrant.

This message is in place until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday March 11, 2026.

Confirmation of receipt of this message is required by all municipalities in Maitland Conservation's area of jurisdiction including the Nine Mile River watershed.

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Types of Flood Messages:

Watershed Conditions Statement - Flood Outlook - Early notice of the potential for flooding based on weather forecasts calling for heavy rain, snow melt, high wind or other conditions that could lead to high runoff, cause ice jams, lakeshore flooding or erosion.

Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety - General watershed conditions are being assessed for high runoff potential that could lead to flooding, and to remind the public of general river safety issues.

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

Flood Warning - Flooding is imminent or already occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities and individuals should take action to deal with flood conditions. This may include road closures and evacuations.