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Town urges caution with increased risk of flooding

Environment Canada has issued a special weather statement as rainy conditions return. With the ground already saturated, there is a higher risk of localized flooding.

With more rain predicted for Thursday into Saturday there may be flooding in traditional, flood-prone low lying areas. The weather forecast for southern Ontario is predicting 50 to 70 mm of rain starting on Thursday and ending on Saturday.

The Credit River and its major tributaries are receding slowly from the rain event which dropped 40 mm of precipitation earlier in the week, Credit Valley Conservation states in a flood watch message. "With water levels high and saturated soil conditions, the forecasted rain may increase watercourses to above bankfull levels. Minor flooding can be expected in low-lying areas with the anticipated rain."

As water levels rise it's important that the community stay aware of the dangers associated with flooding. Residents should exercise caution in flood-prone areas and near any watercourses. Please pay special attention to children and pets to keep them away from the potential hazard.

The Town of Orangeville, along with Dufferin County Emergency Management, the Town of Caledon and Credit Valley Conservation will continue to monitor the situation closely with the goal of maintaining public safety and protecting infrastructure in areas that could be impacted. Stay tuned to your local media and municipal websites for updates, and follow [@orangevilleont](https://twitter.com/orangevilleont) on Twitter.

If flooding occurs, report abnormal water accumulation (e.g. large pools of water on residential streets) to the Town of Orangeville by calling 519-941-0440 Ext. 4520 or (after hours) 519-941-2671 or emailing publicworksinfo@orangeville.ca