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## Caledon urges caution with heavy rain and possible flooding approaching

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With heavy rain expected in the coming days, the Town of Caledon is urging residents to be extremely cautious around waterways.

Environment Canada [is forecasting](#) a weather system that could bring up to 70mm of rain to the Greater Toronto Area, beginning Thursday afternoon and continuing through Friday and Saturday.

“Our crews are on standby to respond if needed,” said Mayor Allan Thompson, “but we also ask everyone to exercise caution. In particular, please keep children and pets away from all bodies of water, rivers and streams.”

With local ground already saturated with recent rains, the new rainfall will result in higher than normal water levels and flows in streams and rivers. Rapidly rising or fast moving water can create dangerous conditions. Flooding on roadways and in low-lying areas is also possible.

“Conditions can change rapidly so we advise people to be extra cautious,” said Darryl Bailey, Chief of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services. “Wet roads are particularly dangerous so we advise drivers to avoid any unnecessary travel during the storm.”

Both the Credit Valley Conservation Authority ([www.creditvalleyCA.ca](http://www.creditvalleyCA.ca)) and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority ([www.trca.ca](http://www.trca.ca)), which are responsible for managing the local watersheds, have issued special flood watch statements.

The Town of Caledon, the Town of Orangeville and [Dufferin County Emergency Management](#) will continue to monitor the situation closely with the goal of maintaining public safety and protecting infrastructure in areas that could be impacted.



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