

# Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Watershed Conditions Bulletin

## Safety Advised

*The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority issues watershed condition bulletins as a general notice of the watershed's overall conditions and as a public reminder of river safety. Historically, freshet occurs between mid-March and mid-April in the Rideau Valley.*

February 9, 2009, RIDEAU VALLEY WATERSHED — Weather forecasts for the next few days call for above freezing temperatures accompanied by rain. This weather can be expected to cause runoff to lakes, rivers and streams but generally no flooding is expected.

It is likely, however, that the ice covering most waterways will be weakened. There is the potential for ice jamming at bridges and culverts on smaller streams that could cause localized flooding.

We advise people (children, snowmobilers, ice fishermen, etc.) to stay off ice-covered lakes, rivers and streams. Parents, in particular, need to supervise their children and make them aware of the danger of unstable ice and increasing flows.

The RVCA continues to monitor river flows as part of its flood forecasting and warning program. Updated messages will be issued as warranted.

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*Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is a partnership of municipalities within the Rideau Valley watershed created under the Conservation Authorities Act to deliver a range of programs in watershed management and natural resource conservation. The RVCA Flood Forecasting and Warning Program is done under a delegated responsibility from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and in conjunction with the Parks Canada-Rideau Canal for the residents and municipalities of the watershed.*