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Be Water Wise: Stay Well Back From Creeks, Ponds and Lakes During Spring Break-up

Oshawa - Central Lake Ontario Conservation would like to remind you of the dangers that exist on local streams, rivers, ponds and lakes during the spring breakup.

Spring is quickly approaching and we look forward to warmer weather and being outdoors. We have experienced a winter that began in the middle of December with major thaws occurring in January and February. These thaws resulted in most of the snowpack melting. The February thaw also resulted in the breakup of much of the ice on rivers and creeks. However, winter weather has returned, the snowpack has partially built-up again and ice has reformed over some water bodies.

The onset of spring will again bring melting snow, rain and breakup of ice along rivers, streams, ponds and lakes. During this time of year we can expect higher, faster flowing water in most watercourses. In addition, slippery and unstable stream banks and extremely cold water temperatures can lead to very hazardous conditions close to any water body.

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

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