

Exercise caution near waterways

Conservation authorities are reminding residents of dangers that exist near streams, rivers, ponds and lakes around this time of year and urge people to keep family and pets away from the edge of all waterways.

Spring is quickly approaching and with warmer temperatures, people look forward to getting outdoors. Warmer temperatures, however, also bring rain, melting snow and ice, which can contribute to higher and faster flows in watercourses. Slippery and unstable stream banks and extremely cold water temperatures can also lead to very hazardous conditions close to any body of water. This year, there is a higher than normal amount of snow and ice cover in Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) watersheds and this means a higher chance of ice jams and localized flooding during the melting period. Extra caution is required.