

TRCA urges people to keep away from water's edge

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 generally also bring rain, melting snow and shifting ice, which can contribute to higher, faster flowing water in watercourses.

With warmer temperatures over the past few weeks, the area has already experienced significant snow and ice melt in watercourses throughout the Greater Toronto Area. However, the river and stream banks remain slippery and may be unstable and the extremely cold water temperatures can also lead to very hazardous conditions close to any body of water. Also, with the frozen ground conditions and intense rainfall that may accompany spring conditions, the flows in TRCA watercourses will be faster and higher than usual.

Keep family members and pets safely away from any water's edge and help make this an enjoyable spring.