



WARNING

**PLEASE TAKE
EXTREME CAUTION ON ICE!**

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The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority warns and urges people to **take extreme caution on water bodies** this winter, especially in the eastern part of the province. Many streams that do not normally flow in winter are flowing and could create **potential unexpected hazards**.

The risk of thin ice is greater than usual this year due to:

- high flows due to above-normal precipitation received, plus
- water releases being made to help alleviate spring flooding.

Excess water causes high water levels, fast stream flows and currents through lakes, all causing **extremely serious thin ice hazards**, especially on the Qu'Appelle system.

Especially vulnerable to thin ice is the Souris River downstream from Moose Mountain Creek, Moose Mountain Creek, Qu'Appelle River system and the lakes downstream from Craven, Assiniboine River, Red Deer River, Whitesand River and their tributaries.

Releases will be made from Alameda Reservoir, Good Spirit Lake, Last Mountain Lake and all lakes along the Qu'Appelle River System: Echo, Pasqua, Mission, Katepwa, Crooked and Round lakes.

These conditions will continue throughout the winter. The Watershed Authority wants everyone to have a safe and enjoyable winter, so please take **extreme caution on Saskatchewan water bodies** this winter season.

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