



Media Release
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Flooding in LaSalle May 18, 2020

Town of LaSalle officials are aware that some streets and properties, especially those located west of Front Road, are experiencing flooding and standing water due to the rain and winds. Residents who are experiencing flooding in their homes are reminded not to enter flooded basements or areas where live electricity may be present.

Residents who live west of Front Road should be aware that emergency service response (police, fire and EMS) may be delayed. Residents who are experiencing flooding and are concerned about their safety, should find alternative accommodations. Residents who are voluntarily evacuating their home should call the Town at 519-969-4143 to register so that town administration are aware of alternate contact information (name, number of residents, address and way to contact them). Residents who are voluntarily evacuating should also contact their utility companies to shut off services (Essex Power, Union Gas etc.).

The streets west of Front Road are closed. If you see water over the road, slow down, turn around and avoid the area. Wake from vehicles causes damage to property and other vehicles. In addition, the LaSalle Recreational Trails located along Turkey Creek at Matchette Road are closed due to overland flooding. Please avoid the area.

The water has risen above the ramps at the LaSalle Boat Ramp (located on Front Road at Laurier Drive), and therefore the boat ramp is now closed. It will be monitored and reassessed on Tuesday morning.

Residents should take extra caution to avoid areas where flooding is occurring, as well as rivers, streams, and shoreline areas. The combination of slippery banks, waves, waves overtopping shoreline structures, and fast moving water can be dangerous. Standing water can also present its own unseen hazards. Children, pets, and livestock should be kept away from flowing or standing water as well as shoreline areas.

The rain is expected to continue over the next 24 hours, and sustained winds for the next 36 hours. Residents are encouraged to pay attention to local conditions. Town officials continue to monitor conditions in the area. More information will be released as necessary. Continue to follow the Town's Facebook and Twitter pages and website for updates. For information about flooding, visit www.lasalle.ca/flood

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