

July 4, 2024

## Winnipeg River continues to rise due to higher than average flows this spring.

Due to recent large amounts of rain in the Lake of the Woods River basin, residents and local resource users will see higher than average flows for this time of year along the Winnipeg River.

We are currently experiencing a 1 in 8-year high. Water levels are similar to what would have been experienced in 2008, but less than peak levels in 2009 and 2014, and significantly less than 2022 (1 in 250-year flood).



	<b>2024 (July 4)</b>	<b>2023 (July 4)</b>	<b>2022 maximum levels (spring flood)</b>
Dorothy Lake	903.7 ft (275.4 m)	900.7 ft (274.4 m)	908.2 ft (276.8 m)
Margaret/Eleanor Lake	902.2 ft (274.9 m)	900.1 ft (274.3 m)	905.6 (276 m)
Nutimik Lake	905.2 ft (275.8 m)	901.1 ft (274.7 m)	911.25 ft (277.75 m)
Sylvia Lake	900.9 ft (274.6 m)	899.6 ft (274.2 m)	902.67 ft (275.1 m)

Currently, the six Manitoba Hydro generating stations on the river are passing around 65,000 cfs. In 2022, the stations at peak were passing around 120,000 cfs.

The Winnipeg River is forecasted to continue to rise slowly. The level of rise is dependent on precipitation amounts in the basin. As the river water continues to rise property owners and resource users in the affected areas are advised to secure docks and move items near the water (boats, floatation devices, etc.) to higher ground.

Water around generating stations is turbulent. Strong currents, undertow, and rapidly changing water levels can quickly turn a dry riverbed into fast-moving water. Please exercise caution around our facilities, and indeed along the river as a whole.

Manitoba Hydro warns that safety booms at the following Winnipeg River generating stations have not yet been installed:

- Pine Falls Generating Station
- Great Falls Generating Station
- Seven Sisters Generating Station
- Pointe du Bois Generating Station

Please remember these rules apply whether you are upstream or downstream from a generating station:

- Look for and obey all warning signs.
- Stay on clearly marked walkways or observation points.
- Listen for a generating station warning horn or siren — it means the water levels are changing so move away quickly if you are downstream.
- Stay away from fenced-off areas such as:
  - booms (temporary floating barriers) or buoys (anchored floats) in waterways.
  - other barriers that prevent access to dangerous places.

For more information about Winnipeg River water levels, visit [Water levels & flows \(hydro.mb.ca\)](http://hydro.mb.ca).

To report waterway concerns please feel free [WCE@hydro.mb.ca](mailto:WCE@hydro.mb.ca).

For more information on inflows from Ontario please see The Lake of the Woods Control Board Notice Board at <https://lwcb.ca/noticeboard/>.