

**Hydrologic Forecast Centre  
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**Flood Report for Manitoba  
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A significant storm is expected to bring 20-40 mm of rain to western Manitoba tonight through Thursday. Amounts of 15-25 mm are likely in southeastern Manitoba including the City of Winnipeg. There is a risk of locally higher amounts in thundershowers. A general rain of 25-50 mm is also likely in areas north of a line through Swan River and Berens River, including far northern Manitoba, Thursday to Friday.

The rain is likely to slow down the recession of streams in southeastern Manitoba, many of which remain unusually high from the heavy rain in late June. However any new crests will likely be lower than those observed during the past 10 days. Streams in western Manitoba are unlikely to rise significantly due to the generally dry soil conditions in the area. Rainfall in Whiteshell, Nopiming and Atikaki Provincial Parks should be only in the 15 mm range, which is unlikely to cause new crests on rivers and lakes in the area.

Levels of the Red River are now declining at about half a foot to one foot per day between Emerson and Winnipeg, with lesser declines in the Selkirk area. It is unlikely that the impending rainstorm will cause another crest on the Red River in Manitoba but it will likely reduce the recession rate. Much will depend on how much rain actually falls. The river level in downtown Winnipeg may not decline to 8.5 feet (walkway level) until the end of next week. A table showing conditions of the Red River as of this morning is attached.

The Bloodvein River is now declining from the record crest set a few days ago. Other streams east of Lake Winnipeg, such as the Bird River, are also declining but remain very high. If rainfall during the next few days does not exceed 15 mm as expected, there should be little or no additional rises on these streams.

The Winnipeg River at Nutimik Lake has declined 0.8 feet from its July 2 crest and stood at 906.4 feet this morning, still about five feet above the normal summer level. Levels of the river should continue to decline, especially with outflows from Lake Of The Woods being reduced by the Lake of the Woods Control Board.

The developing storm system will move northeastward across the large Manitoba lakes during the next few days and could produce fairly strong winds, from the south tomorrow, west late tomorrow and northwest on Friday. Significant wind set up and wave action is likely, although not as severe as that of the June 26-28 storm. Many interior lakes in the Interlake remain at record high levels and levels of Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba are still above the top of their operating range.

Further details are provided below and specific forecasted crest stages are shown on the daily flood sheets issued by Manitoba Water Stewardship. This information may be viewed at

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/waterstewardship/floodinfo/floodsheet.html>