



**Forecasting and Flood Response Coordination  
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**Flood Report for Manitoba  
May 10, 2009**

Flood sheets for the Red River and Assiniboine River for May 10, 2009 are available at the link:

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

- Levels of the Red River declined 0.3 to 0.5 feet at most locations from Emerson to The Floodway Inlet since yesterday. The largest decline of 0.63 feet took place at Morris.
- The river level at James Avenue in Winnipeg declined 0.2 feet to 17.2 feet. The level is expected to be in the range of 16.8 to 17.3 feet for the next five days.
- The Red River at Morris is expected to decline below the PTH 75 level by May 13 unless rainfall is heavier than predicted.
- The Red River at the Floodway Inlet is expected to decline to the elevation of St. Mary's Road (PR 200) by May 14 unless rainfall is heavier than predicted.
- The rainfall forecast for Tuesday to noon Wednesday is for somewhat less rain than had been predicted yesterday but amounts of 20-30 mm are still indicated over most of the Red River watershed, according to Environment Canada and U.S. National Weather Service models. This could include the City of Winnipeg where sewer backup is a potentially serious issue with the present high river levels. Rainfall amounts are very difficult to predict and thus predicted amounts for given locations could change significantly from day to day.
- Assiniboine River flow at Portage la Prairie (downstream of the Diversion) was reduced from 1500 cfs to near 500 cfs yesterday afternoon to decrease river levels in Winnipeg and thus reduce the chance of sewer backup from the possible significant rainfall event this Tuesday to Wednesday. Flows will likely revert to 1500 cfs tomorrow unless there is a potential for significant rain in Winnipeg from Wednesday afternoon through to next weekend.

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