Rain, wind and flood warnings have been issued as the remnants of hurricane Patricia move across southern Ontario today. Forecasters predicted a “large shield of rain” in advance of the system they said would push into southwestern Ontario overnight and move into the Niagara and Toronto regions this morning.

Environment Canada has issued warnings and special weather statements, advising the storm will continue to move steadily into central and eastern Ontario throughout the day - bringing fierce winds, heavy rains and possible power outages.

At least one conservation area has issued a flood watch. Hashtags including #ONstorm have been created for monitoring the storm on Twitter.

Most areas are forecast to see between 25 to 40 millimetres of rain with winds gusting up to 70 kilometres an hour, but communities closer to Lake Erie and Lake Ontario could see stronger winds and up to 55 millimetres over 24 hours.

Forecasters say the storm should end by Friday as it moves east into Quebec.

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