

Hurricane Hazel presented by Richard Jordan

October 15, 1954 was the day that Toronto – and all of Southern Ontario – faced its greatest natural disaster, a massive hurricane that caused severe flooding and killed 81 people. We will look at how a hurricane forms, what Toronto was like in 1954 and then recall tales of tragedy, heroism and survival on a day that many people are still be able to vividly recall today. We'll also look at the strong measures that have been taken since Hurricane Hazel to prevent a recurrence of the disaster.

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