

FLOOD PREPARATION



In the event of flooding where your home may be impacted, you may be ordered to evacuate. An Evacuation Order may come with little warning, so it is important to be prepared.

BE PREPARED

Each of us has a responsibility to protect our homes and families where possible. As you live in a flood plain, by planning ahead and taking precautions, you can minimize damage to your home and keep your family safe.

DO IT NOW!

- Keep vehicle fuel tanks full
- Keep important papers with you and have a record of your valuables
- Photograph possessions which may assist with insurance claims
- Remove or secure family heirlooms, valuables, documents, photos, memorabilia
- Remove or move any hazardous materials to a place of safety (cleaners, pesticides, weed killers, fertilizers)
- Move outdoor items, such as furniture and barbecues, to a higher level
- Oil, propane, or water tanks may float. Weigh down with sandbags, wedge against a solid object, or anchor with chain or cable

ENSURE EVERYONE IS READY

Emergency kit: Have a suitcase ready for each member of the family with clothing, toiletries, prescriptions, eyeglasses, cell phone and charger, personal phone book, important documents, identification, insurance papers, some cash.

Emergency plan:

- Plan now for an alternate place to live
- Share your plans with family and friends so they know how to reach you
- Arrange a meeting place for family members in the event family members are NOT together when you evacuate

Family pets: Ensure you have pet supplies ready to go, including kennel, medications, identification, and somewhere for your pet to stay (friends or family).

Livestock: Begin livestock evacuation after an Evacuation Alert is issued but before an Evacuation Order is declared. If farmers self-evacuate/move animals prior to the Evacuation Alert, they are not eligible for reimbursement. For more information, visit Ministry of Agriculture at agf.gov.bc.ca/emergency.

Neighbour helping neighbour: Check on elderly, disabled, or non-English speaking neighbours to ensure they are aware of the situation or to determine if they need your assistance.



EVACUATION: 3 KEY STAGES

Evacuation Alert: Local authorities issue a warning about an imminent threat to life and property. Be ready to leave on short notice.

Evacuation Order: When an Evacuation Order is issued by local authorities, leave the area immediately. For information on evacuation routes, emergency shelters, and procedures, stay tuned to local radio, television, and the City of Abbotsford's communications mediums:

website: www.abbotsford.ca

Facebook: City of Abbotsford

Twitter : @city_abbotsford

City App: @Abbotsford

Evacuation Rescind: Local authorities will notify you through emergency personnel or the local media when an Evacuation Order is rescinded. An Evacuation Alert or Evacuation Order may be reinstated by local authorities if the threat returns. Ensure everyone is ready.

What to do during an evacuation

- Follow instructions issued by emergency personnel
- Put family suitcases in the vehicle
- Ensure all pets and supplies are with you
- Lock doors and windows
- Do not drive or walk through moving water. Water can be deeper than it appears. It only takes 60 cm (2 ft) to sweep a vehicle away; as little as 15 cm (6 in) of moving water can cause you to fall while walking.
- Use the prescribed evacuation route provided by emergency personnel at the time of the event; do not take shortcuts, as you may end up in a blocked or dangerous area
- Proceed to the Reception Centre identified by emergency personnel at the time of the event; even if you do not require their assistance, you must check in and advise how authorities can contact you about your property, if necessary
- Notify in-town and out-of-town friends and relatives that you have safely evacuated and provide a contact phone number – this reduces the number of calls placed to the Emergency Call Centre by people searching for loved ones.

MORE INFORMATION:

Emergency Management BC: pep.bc.ca
Fraser River Forecast Centre: env.gov.bc.ca/rfc
Public Safety Canada: getprepared.ca
Weather Warning: weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca
City of Abbotsford: www.abbotsford.ca



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