

TAKE ACTION

Examples of Emergency Kit

General Items:

- portable battery operated radio
- waterproof flashlight
- cell phones, tablets, chargers
- spare batteries (solar cell phone chargers)
- first aid kit with manual
- medications, toiletries
- special requirements for infants, elderly, injured or disabled and pets
- cash, keys, credit card, passports, ID
- combination pocket knife

Food and Water

- drinking water- 3 litres per person/day x 4 days
- canned and/or dried food to last 72 hours
- cooking gear, opener, utensils

TIPS & RESOURCES

FloodSmartBC is an excellent preparedness resource:

https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/preparation_recovery/before_a_flood.jsp

Ministry of Forest, Lands Natural Resource operations information website:

http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/public_safety/flood/fhm-2012/flood_emg_index.html

To report a FLOOD EMERGENCY

contact, EMBC Coordination Centre at

1-800-663-3456

More Questions:

Contact RDOS at

101 Martin St, Penticton, BC

T- 250.493.0237 TF- 1.877.610.3737

www.rdos.bc.ca

Emergency Preparedness

Natural disasters, such as [interface wildfires](#), [floods](#), [landslides](#), technological or environmental accidents, such as [chemical spills](#); or service disruptions, such as [power failures](#) during the winter or [severe storms](#), can strike any community at any time. If you're unprepared for a disaster, it can shatter your life.

Are You Prepared?

Each year, thousands of people face emergency situations that could change their lives forever. Don't be caught off-guard. Know the hazards in your area and take the time now to assemble your family [72 HR GRAB & GO emergency kit](#). Getting your family prepared for an emergency may seem like a lot of work, but it will be easier if you do a little at a time, as your resources and budget permit. The important thing is to start preparing now. The more you do to prepare, the more confident you will be that you can protect yourself and your family when disaster strikes.

The following PDFs provide detailed information and personal plans to help prepare for flood, fire, or any emergency situation.

[Household Preparedness Guide \[PDF - 449 KB\]](#)

[Household Emergency Plan \[PDF - 579 KB\]](#)

[Neighbourhood Preparedness Guide \[PDF - 438 KB\]](#)

What to Do During Floods

Floods are the most frequent natural hazards in Canada, and the most costly in terms of property damage. Floods can occur in any region, in the countryside or in cities. In the past, floods have affected hundreds of thousands of Canadians. They can occur at any time of the year and are most often caused by heavy rainfall, rapid melting of a thick snow pack, ice jams, or more rarely, the failure of a natural or human-made dam.

What to do during minor flooding

- **Stay Informed – monitor local conditions and be aware of the situation**
- Farmers should prepare to move machinery and livestock to higher ground
- Tune into your emergency media: RDOS Website, Local Radio, Local news outlet
- Ensure your family members and neighbours are aware of the situation
- Floodwater is dangerous – never drive, walk or ride through floodwater
- Floodwater is toxic – never play or swim in floodwater

What to do during moderate flooding

- **Act Quickly – conditions can change rapidly**
- Farmers should move machinery and livestock to higher ground if it is still safe to do so
- Tune into your emergency media: RDOS Website, Local Radio, Local news outlet
- If you are likely to become isolated, make sure you have enough food, drinking water, medications and pet food
- Floodwater is dangerous – never drive, walk or ride through floodwater
- Floodwater is toxic – never play or swim in floodwater

What to do during major flooding

- **Act Quickly – conditions can change rapidly**
- Be prepared to evacuate if advised by authorities
- If you are likely to become isolated, make sure that you have enough food, water, medication and pet food, and be aware that you may need to live without power, water and sewerage
- Raise belongings by placing them on tables, beds and benches, or move them to higher ground
- Tune into your emergency media: RDOS Website, Local Radio, Local news outlet
- Block toilets, household drains, sinks and plugs to stop sewerage backflow
- Floodwater is dangerous – never drive, walk or ride through floodwater
- Floodwater is toxic – never play or swim in floodwater

What to do if you need to evacuate

- **Act Now – take immediate precautions to protect your life and property**
- Raise belongings by placing them on tables, beds and benches, or move them to higher ground
- Collect together medicines, important documents, mementos, photos and pets and take them with you when you evacuate
- Take three days' supply of clothing and medications with you
- Turn off electricity and gas at the mains and lock your doors and windows when you evacuate
- Remaining in your home or business during flooding is dangerous and may put your life at risk