

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

May 10, 2017 4:00 pm

Emergency Operations Centre Update: Weather Update and Precautionary Sand Bagging

BC Rivers Forecast Centre has reported rising lake levels in Okanagan Lake and the main stem lakes. The lake is rising approximately 3 cm's a day and this may have implications on lake levels downstream, including Skaha, Vaseaux, Oliver River system and Osoyoos Lake. Environment Canada has predicted thunderstorms and small amounts of precipitation (10 – 15 mm/day) for the Okanagan Valley from Thursday through this upcoming weekend.

Environment Canada Statement for May 10: https://weather.gc.ca/warnings/report_e.html?bc30
River Forecast Centre: <http://bcrcfc.env.gov.bc.ca/warnings/advisories/flood52.htm>

Residents who have sandbagged areas on their properties, should leave them in place as a precautionary measure. Those residents that have experienced previous flooding on their properties and want to be proactive and can obtain sand and sandbags at the following locations:

Electoral Area 'A' (Osoyoos, rural Osoyoos)

Town of Osoyoos – sand bags at the Public works Yards, 11500 115th St, Osoyoos and sand will be placed across the street from the Dairy Queen, on Main St.

Electoral Area 'B' (rural Cawston, Cawston)

Cawston and area residents – sand and sandbags available at Village of Keremeos Irrigation Pump Station, 900 Sparks Dr, corner of 1st and Sparks Dr.

Electoral Area 'C' – (Oliver, rural Oliver, Willowbrook)

Town of Oliver – Public Works Yards, 5971 Sawmill Rd., and Oliver Fire Hall, 369 Similkameen Ave.
Willowbrook- at Willowbrook Fire Hall, 39440 Fairview White Lake Rd.

Electoral Area 'D' (Okanagan Falls, Kaleden, Farliegh Lake, Twin Lakes)

Okanagan Falls – sand at the end of Cedar Rd, by the old Sewer Plant (by the river) and sandbags at the Fire Hall at 5013 11th Ave.

Electoral Area 'E' (Naramata, Glenfir, Indian Rock)

Naramata – at the Fire Hall on Lower Debeck Rd.

Electoral Area 'F' (West Bench, Sage Mesa, Faulder, rural Summerland)

Faulder –Sand and sandbags located at post box pull out, at the junction of Fish Lake Road and the Princeton Summerland Road.

Red Wing – inside gates lake side of resort

Electoral Area 'G'– (rural Keremeos, Village of Keremeos, Olalla, Hedley and parts of the Similkameen)

Village of Keremeos, Olalla and area residents - Keremeos Fire Dept has sand and sand bags at 900 Sparks St., the junction of 1st Ave and Sparks Dr. at the Irrigation Pump Station.

Electoral Area 'H' – (rural Princeton, Princeton, Similkameen, Tulameen, Osprey Lakes, Missezula)

Missezula Lake – Sand and sandbags at the beach.

Erris and Hayes areas (near Osprey Lake)

Sand and sandbags are available at local Fire Departments.

Tulameen – Otter Lake, Otter Creek –Sand and sandbags are available at the Fire hall.

City of Penticton

At Fire Hall #2 – 285 the corner of Dawson Ave. all in place by 4 pm May 10th

District of Summerland

At the Fire Hall 10115 Jubilee Rd, and Summerland Public Works at 9215 Cedar Ave.

If you require sandbags, and do not see your area listed, please call the Emergency Operations Centre. The Emergency Operations Centre will be closed at 9:00 pm May 10, reopening in the morning of May 11 at 8:30 am. RDOS Emergency Operations Centre: 250-492-0237 or Toll Free at 1-877-610-3737

It is important to be aware of the dangers being around creeks and streams at this time. High flow volumes causes banks and some crossings to become unstable and collapse. Keep children away from waterways, maintain a minimum of 10 meters from the banks, and keep pets on a leash.

For after-hours emergencies, please call the **Provincial Emergency Program at 1-800-663-3456.**

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