



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

### INFORMATION RELEASE

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#### Declaration of State of Local Emergency for Electoral Area “B”, “D” and “H”

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The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, Emergency Operations Center in consultation with the Province of British Columbia has amended the State of Local Emergency orders for Cawston, Green Lake, Green Mountain and Tulameen areas to include the entirety of the electoral areas, therefore, please be advised that **Electoral Area “B”** (Cawston), **Electoral Area “D”** (Green Lake and Green Mountain) and **Electoral Area “H”** (Tulameen) are now under a State of Local Emergency order. This is due to the increasing risk that flooding events in Cawston, Green Lake, Green Mountain and Tulameen may expand into neighboring communities and threaten life, safety and cause significant property damage.

**Electoral Area “C”** remains in a State of Local Emergency as well, and all areas that are currently under evacuation alert or order in the RDOS will still remain in effect until further notice.

#### What does a Declaration of State of Local Emergency (SOLE) mean?

Declaring a state of local emergency enables local authorities (Regional Districts, municipalities) in the Province of British Columbia to utilize the emergency powers listed in the *Emergency Program Act*. The emergency powers are used by the local authority to order the evacuation of residents from their homes, prohibit travel and enter private property when an emergency threatens lives, property or the environment within the local authority’s jurisdiction.

In the event that an evacuation is ordered, residents will be given as much notice as possible via an advance **Evacuation Alert**. Once evacuated, residents should leave the evacuated area immediately and register at the reception centre identified. Currently there are two active Reception Centres located at:

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| <b>Princeton Reception Centre</b><br>Riverside Community Centre<br>148 Old Hedley Road, Princeton<br>Reception Centre Phone: 250.295.0202 | <b>Oliver Reception Centre</b><br>6365 Main Street, Oliver<br>Reception Centre Phone: 250.498.7962 |
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#### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN EVACUATION ALERT IS IN EFFECT

Upon notification of an **ALERT**, you should be prepared for the evacuation order by:



- Locating all family members or co-workers and designate a Reception Centre outside the evacuation area, should an evacuation be called while separated.
- Gathering essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), immediate care needs for dependents and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc.). Have these items readily available for quick departure.
- Preparing to move any disabled persons and/or children.
- Moving pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Arranging to transport your household members or co-workers in the event of an evacuation order. If you need transportation assistance from the area please call 250-490-4225.
- Arranging accommodation for your family if possible. In the event of an evacuation, Reception Centres will be opened if required.
- Monitoring news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of Reception Centres.

For more information:

Website: [www.rdos.ca](http://www.rdos.ca)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RegionalDistrictOfOkanaganSimilkameen/>

EOC Phone: (250) 490-4225

Information on Floods and Landslides: <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/news-events/eoc/active-eoc-information/>

Up to date map link to sand and sand bag locations: <https://goo.gl/c8uQSc>  
Click on markers on the map for location details.

Tips on Sandbagging: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yj19A01VAgE>

Information for Homeowners from the Insurance Bureau of Canada:  
<http://www.ibc.ca/bc/disaster/water>

Mark Woods, RDOS Emergency Operations Centre Director  
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## Declaration of State of Local Emergency ORDER

WHEREAS the threat of flooding in Electoral Area “B” in the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen;

AND WHEREAS the residents are likely to be impacted by the flood waters and the threat of life and safety, and property damage exists;

AND WHEREAS this flooding emergency requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

NOW THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the Emergency Program Act (RS, 1996, Chap 111) that a state of local emergency exists due to the threat of flooding and debris flow that may threaten life, safety and cause significant property damage in Electoral Area B of the Regional District of Okanagan- Similkameen.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the the Regional District of Okanagan- Similkameen, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the Emergency Program Act to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency.

ORDERED by Karla Kozakevich this date May 1, 2018 to remain in force for seven days until May 8, 2018 at midnight unless cancelled by order of Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen or the Minister responsible.



Karla Kozakevich  
Chair, Regional District of  
Okanagan-Similkameen

## Declaration of State of Local Emergency ORDER

WHEREAS the threat of flooding and/or landslides in Electoral Area “D” in the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen;

AND WHEREAS the residents are likely to be impacted by the flood waters and/or landslides and the threat of life and safety, and property damage exists;

AND WHEREAS this flooding emergency requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

NOW THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the Emergency Program Act (RS, 1996, Chap 111) that a state of local emergency exists due to the threat of flooding and debris flow that may threaten life, safety and cause significant property damage in Electoral Area D of the Regional District of Okanagan- Similkameen.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the the Regional District of Okanagan- Similkameen, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the Emergency Program Act to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency.

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Chair, Regional District of  
Okanagan-Similkameen

## Declaration of State of Local Emergency ORDER

WHEREAS the threat of flooding in Electoral Area “H” in the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen;

AND WHEREAS the residents are likely to be impacted by the flood waters and the threat of life and safety, and property damage exists;

AND WHEREAS this flooding emergency requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

NOW THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 12 (1) of the Emergency Program Act (RS, 1996, Chap 111) that a state of local emergency exists due to the threat of flooding and debris flow that may threaten life, safety and cause significant property damage in Electoral Area H of the Regional District of Okanagan- Similkameen.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the the Regional District of Okanagan- Similkameen, its employees, servants and agents are empowered pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the Emergency Program Act to do all acts and implement all procedures that are considered necessary to prevent or to alleviate the effects of the emergency.

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