

# REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### Evacuation Alert For Twin Lakes

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The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has placed 64 properties in the Twin Lakes area under Evacuation Alert due to the potential of flooding. All homes are adjacent to Lower Nipit Lake. A full list of properties and map are included in this document.

The Twin Lakes area experienced significant flooding in 2017. This year is expected to be significantly worse. From today, Lower Nipit Lake has the potential to rise another six feet. Currently, the lake level is rising as much as six inches per day. Lake levels are expected to rise quickly in the next week with warm temperatures melting the local snowpack; which is more than 150% higher than normal.

Twin Lakes are kettle lakes. Kettle lakes are formed in depressions that have no natural outflow like a creek or river, to remove water. Kettle lakes rise and fall due to changes in groundwater.

In 2017, the Lower Nipit Irrigation District (LNIP) at Twin Lakes was allowed by the Province of BC to pump water into Park Rill Creek to lower the lake levels. This year Park Rill Creek is already flooding, compromising dams and roads and damaging downstream properties. In the Sportsmens Bowl Road area, 17 properties remain on Evacuation Order due to flooding from Park Rill Creek. At this time there is no water being pumped from the Twin Lakes area into Park Rill Creek.

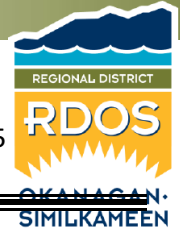
Information on how residents should prepare themselves to evacuate their homes is listed below. Affected residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to road closures or evacuation orders, however residents may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN AN EVACUATION ALERT IS IN EFFECT

Upon notification of an EVACUATION ALERT, residents should be prepared for immediate evacuation by:

- Locating all family members or co-workers and designate a meeting place outside the evacuation area, should an evacuation be called while separated;
- Gathering essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), cell phone charges and immediate care needs for dependents and, if chosen, 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 household members or co-workers in the event of an evacuation order. Affected residents needing transportation assistance from the area can call the RDOS Emergency Operations Centre at 250-490-4225;
- Arranging accommodation for family members if possible. In the event of an evacuation, Reception Centres will be opened if required. Contact 250-490-4225 for information;
- Monitoring news sources for information on evacuation orders and locations of Reception Centres.

For more information please visit [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca), e-mail [info@rdos.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdos.bc.ca), call 250-490-4225



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**EVACUATION ALERT**  
**May 3, 2018 at 1700 Hours**

An Evacuation Alert has been issued by Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

**Due to the threat of rising lake levels and flooding of Horn and Nipit Lakes (Twin Lakes).**

**Because of the potential danger to life, health, and property damage and potential risks to groundwater wells and on-site septic systems, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen has issued an Evacuation Alert for the following properties:**

158 TWIN LKS RD	236 TWIN LKS RD	445 EASTVIEW RD
160 TWIN LKS RD	258 WESTVIEW RD	447 EASTVIEW RD
168 TWIN LKS RD	260 WESTVIEW RD	449 EASTVIEW RD
170 TWIN LKS RD	264 WESTVIEW RD	451 EASTVIEW RD
172 TWIN LKS RD	266 WESTVIEW RD	453 EASTVIEW RD
174 TWIN LKS RD	272 WESTVIEW RD	455 EASTVIEW RD
176 TWIN LKS RD	274 WESTVIEW RD	
178 TWIN LKS RD	278 WESTVIEW RD	
186 TWIN LKS RD	282 WESTVIEW RD	
188 TWIN LKS RD	286 WESTVIEW RD	
190 TWIN LKS RD	290 WESTVIEW RD	
192 TWIN LKS RD	292 WESTVIEW RD	
194 TWIN LKS RD	296 WESTVIEW RD	
196 TWIN LKS RD	302 WESTVIEW RD	
198 TWIN LKS RD	306 WESTVIEW RD	
200 TWIN LKS RD	310 WESTVIEW RD	
202 TWIN LKS RD	312 WESTVIEW RD	
208 TWIN LKS RD	314 WESTVIEW RD	
210 TWIN LKS RD	318 WESTVIEW RD	
212 TWIN LKS RD	325 WESTVIEW RD	
214 TWIN LKS RD	423 EASTVIEW RD	
216 TWIN LKS RD	427 EASTVIEW RD	
218 TWIN LKS RD	429 EASTVIEW RD	
220 TWIN LKS RD	431 EASTVIEW RD	
224 TWIN LKS RD	433 EASTVIEW RD	
226 TWIN LKS RD	437 EASTVIEW RD	
228 TWIN LKS RD	439 EASTVIEW RD	
232 TWIN LKS RD	441 EASTVIEW RD	
234 TWIN LKS RD	443 EASTVIEW RD	

An Evacuation Alert has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary.

Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.



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Incident Map - Twin Lakes Evacuation Alert  
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

