

How to prepare for a flood

Yukon Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) coordinates the Government of Yukon's preparedness and response to emergency events. If flooding occurs, the Yukon government is prepared, and will assist Yukoners and their communities to help minimize the impacts.

EMO would like to remind all property owners to be prepared for a potential flood, and take the appropriate steps to protect your property.

Immediate steps

- Monitor your property for sewage backups, and if there is backup, clean up immediately. Excess water should be pumped out of the septic fields and septic tanks to ease the pressure on the system due to the rise in the water table.
- Move equipment, vehicles and belongings stored outside to locations that are safe from flooding.
- Install barriers for low-lying assets that can't be relocated.
- Elevate supplies stored in garages and sheds.
- Put weather protection sealant around basement windows and the base of ground-level doors.
- Turn off furnaces if not needed. Take special precautions to safeguard electrical or propane heating.
- If through taste, colour or odour you suspect your drinking water is contaminated, do not drink it. Contaminated drinking water may be purified by boiling.

Sandbags will be made available to residents as required. Details on the staging location and distribution of the sandbags will be confirmed and communicated by EMO.

Visit [Flood Ready](https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/flood-ready.html) for additional information and video tutorials on protecting your home: www.canada.ca/en/campaign/flood-ready.html

Make an emergency plan

An emergency plan helps everyone in your family know what to do in an emergency, how to contact each other and where to meet.

Your emergency plan should include:

- Emergency exits from your home
- Escape routes from your neighbourhood
- Meeting places for your family to reconnect
- Designated caregivers for children
- Meeting special health needs
- Shelter for pets
- Emergency contacts and important information
- Utility shut offs and home instructions

An online template for an emergency plan is available here:
yukon.ca/en/make-emergency-plan



Build an emergency kit

You will need basic supplies for every member of your household in an emergency. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours without power or running water.

Put essential items like food, water and medication in one kit. This makes it easy to locate when the power is out and easy to grab and go in case you have to leave your home quickly.

Don't count on being home when an emergency occurs. Create grab-and-go bags for your workplace and vehicle.

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Stay informed

Contact your community government to find out flood risk information. Listen to local radio stations and check weather for warnings.

Be familiar with your emergency plan and evacuate when notified by authorities.



For more information contact 867-332-7084 or flooding@yukon.ca