

How to prepare for a flood

Yukon Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) coordinates the Government of Yukon's preparedness and response to emergency events.

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

- 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.
- Monitor your property for sewage backups, and if there is backup, clean up immediately.
- If through taste, colour or odour you suspect your drinking water is contaminated, do not drink it. Purify the water by boiling for two minutes at a rolling boil, or use bottled water.

Visit Canada.ca/flood-ready for additional information and video tutorials on preparing for a flood and protecting your home.

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.

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 and supplies for pets and livestock
- Emergency contacts and important information
- Utility shut offs and home instructions

An online template for an emergency plan is available at [PreparedYukon.ca](https://www.preparedYukon.ca).



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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