

# PREPARING FOR A FLOOD

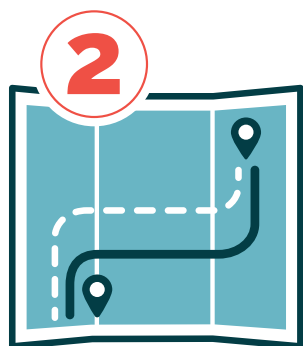


## HOW TO PREPARE



### KNOW THE RISKS

Each of us has a responsibility to protect our homes and families where possible. As you live in a flood plain, by planning ahead and taking precautions, you can minimize damage to your home and keep your family safe. Check local forecasts and consider the conditions, especially if you are planning to enjoy the trails and river systems.



### MAKE A PLAN

- In the event of an emergency, residents may be advised by the City to evacuate their homes for safety. You should keep your vehicles fuel tanks full.
- Have a plan on where to go, what to take, and how to keep in touch with family.
- Check with an insurance agent on flood insurance for your home and business.
- Ensure roof gutters are clear and storm drains are free of debris such as leaves.
- Remove, secure or move any hazardous materials to a place of safety



### PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Prepare to be self-sufficient for 72 hours and up to a week. Include important documents, water, non-perishable food, flashlights, first aid and essential items for babies, pets and family members with special needs. Visit [getprepared.gc.ca](http://getprepared.gc.ca) for a full list of items to include or [mapleridge.ca/ep](http://mapleridge.ca/ep) to help you prepare for any emergency.

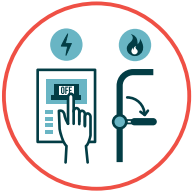
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# WHAT TO DO



## DURING FLOODING

- Avoid getting close to fast moving water as banks may erode without warning.
- Never drive through moving water, even if you are familiar with the road. A vehicle can be swept away in as little as 12 inches of water.
- Plan an alternate route
- Keep a close eye on children and pets as they may not see the danger.
- Monitor the local media and have flashlights on hand in case the power goes out.

## AFTER FLOODING

- Even though the rain has stopped, waterways may still pose a risk. Be cautious until you are certain of the conditions.
- If you have suffered from flood damage, contact your insurance company.
- Watch for damaged power or gas lines, foundation cracks or other damage. Parts of your home may be collapsed or damaged.
- Approach entrances carefully.
- Do not use water that could be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula

## STAY INFORMED

For more information on evacuation orders, routes, emergency shelters, and procedures:

Sign up for Alert Maple Ridge at [mapleridge.ca/alert](https://mapleridge.ca/alert) to receive notifications by text, phone or email for emergencies like fires, floods, storms and other hazards in the community. The Voyent Alert app was rolled out last year and we've rebranded the service to Alert Maple Ridge (powered by Voyent Alert).



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### SIGN UP NOW

to get emergency & other notifications on your phone.



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## RESOURCES



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- Flood /emergency info - [mapleridge.ca/flood](https://mapleridge.ca/flood) or [mapleridge.ca/ep](https://mapleridge.ca/ep)
- After hours emergency line – 604-463-9581
- Emergency BC: [www.emergencyinfbc.gov.bc.ca](https://www.emergencyinfbc.gov.bc.ca)
- BC River Forecast Centre: [gov.bc.ca/riverforecast](https://gov.bc.ca/riverforecast)
- Public Safety Canada [getprepared.ca](https://getprepared.ca)