



FloodSmart Canada

# FLOODS: HOW TO PREPARE

FLOODS HAPPEN. IT'S UP TO YOU TO PROTECT YOUR HOME AND YOUR FAMILY.



## PROTECT YOUR HOME

- ☂ Talk to your local government, insurer, and neighbours about your risks.
- ☂ Install window wells or caulk windows to keep your basement dry.
- ☂ Clear storm grates on your street.
- ☂ Direct water from downspouts away from your home.
- ☂ Talk to your municipality about disconnecting downspouts from the municipal water system.
- ☂ Clean your gutters/eavestroughs.
- ☂ Install a sump pump or backwater valve to keep your basement dry.
- ☂ Move valuable items, important documents, and hazardous materials to keep them dry.
- ☂ Learn about your flood insurance coverage options.
- ☂ If you live near water, talk to your municipality about how to purchase and use sandbags.
- ☂ Grade your property so water drains away from your home.



## PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

- ☂ Make a plan to evacuate and connect with your family at a safe place.
- ☂ Talk to your neighbours and help each other out before, during and after a flood.
- ☂ Sign up for local weather alerts and be prepared.
- ☂ Build an emergency plan and kit with your family.
- ☂ Know the emergency plans for your community, school, and work.
- ☂ Stay away from flooded streams and rivers.
- ☂ Don't drive in flood waters.
- ☂ Be aware of emergency services in your community.



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