

**Gather the following items
THIS WEEK:**



- Copy of the flood plan.
- Home and emergency contact lists for all staff.
- Flashlight with extra batteries.
- First Aid kit.
- Drinking water (at least two to four litres of water for each employee per day - plan for min. three days).
- Battery-operated or wind-up radio with extra batteries.
- Camera with film.
- Rubber boots / shoes and socks.
- Rain jackets and pants.
- Warm clothing and blankets.
- Bleach and sponges.
- Tool kit, hammer, nails, pliers, gloves, crescent wrench and utility knife.
- Plastic sheeting, tape, and screwdriver.
- Brooms, shovels, and mops.

When there is an IMMEDIATE DANGER:

- Do not panic.
- Review and start your flood plan.
- Meet with your employees.
- Turn off your electrical power and natural gas.
IMPORTANT: If you turn the gas off, do not attempt to turn the gas back on by yourself. Reconnection must be done by the gas supply company.
- Move your critical equipment and inventory to a higher place. Secure or chain down any equipment that may float in flood waters.
- Assist other tenants in the building.
- Notify your key customers, suppliers, and alarm company.
- Take photographs of your preparations for insurance.
- If you evacuate the building, lock all doors, gates and windows to minimize looting.

If FLOODING IS OCCURRING:

- Use extreme caution if you need to walk in the water. Manholes could be open. The current may knock you down, or there could be downed electrical wires.
- Move yourself, employees and vehicles to higher ground.
- Set up a telephone center out of the flood area for your employees and customers to get information.
- Listen to the radio for media advisories.

Returning to your business/farm AFTER THE FLOOD:

- Do not return to your business/farm until there is a safe supply of water and a satisfactory system for disposal of human waste and garbage. If in doubt, contact your local health unit office.
- Exercise caution when re-entering. Avoid electrical shock by wearing rubber boots in an area flooded with more than five centimeters (two inches) of standing water.



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency.....911
Fire, Police, Ambulance

District of Maple Ridge.....604-467-7475
Flood Info Line
www.mapleridge.ca

City of Pitt Meadows.....604-465-2471
Flood Info Line
www.pittmeadows.bc.ca

Provincial Emergency Preparedness
Info in English, Punjabi, Cantonese & Mandarin
Also includes Agriculture Preparedness
www.pep.bc.ca

Road Conditions.....1-800-550-4997

Fraser Health Authority...1-877-935-5669
www.fraserhealth.ca

Red Cross, Lower Mainland...1-800-565-8000
www.redcross.ca

Utility Companies-Emergency Lines

BC Hydro1-888-769-3766

Terasen Gas.....1-800-663-9911

Telus.....604-310-2255

BE PREPARED!



**Protect Your
FARM & BUSINESS**

Watch your local newspapers for flooding preparedness events and information sessions.

Prepare now.

Do not wait for an emergency to happen. There are simple things you can do **TODAY** to prepare for possible flooding.

The potential for spring flooding is real. Floods can happen anytime, anywhere, and they can happen fast. So whether your business is near the water or not - **always be ready.**

Regular media advisories will recommend actions people need to take to limit or prevent disaster. As the need arises, more detailed instructions by municipal or provincial authorities will be given.

Agriculture preparedness tips.



Take these precautions **THIS WEEK** if flooding is a possibility in your area:

- Cattle producers in the flood plain should investigate the availability of alternative livestock accommodation on higher ground. Consider moving some cattle in the days leading up to potential flooding.
- Dairy producers should consider arrangements for temporary milking.
- Put together a list of people, including livestock haulers, who can assist on short notice in the event of evacuation.
- All cattle should have positive identification and a record kept of the identification in case animals from different herds have to share a relocation site.
- Dangerous stock, such as bulls, should be relocated well before evacuation becomes necessary.
- Keep a supply of materials such as rope, sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber handy for emergency waterproofing.
- Protect farm equipment, feed and hay supplies; move to high ground, where possible.

- Remove all chemicals and store away from any flood levels. Pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers may cause pollution and even poisoning.
- Pork and poultry producers should consider making arrangements with marketing organizations or processors regarding the sale of animals that are approaching market weight.
- Poultry producers should consider moving birds to the top floor in two-storey barns, if space is available.
- Milk tanks should be anchored firmly to ensure they will not float away in floodwaters.
- Notify your dairy representative, milk hauler, processor, feed representative and veterinarian of a planned destination if evacuated.
- Mark your animals with livestock marking pencil, using initials or herd letters.
- Secure copies of insurance policies and other essential farm documents.

If your farm is above a flood plain, you should:

- Have enough feed on hand to last for at least a month as suppliers may not be able to access some roads.
- Make sure that you have adequate bedding material, dairy supplies, medications, etc. on hand for an extended period.
- Purchase extra fuel in case of prolonged power disruptions.
- Be prepared where possible to assist other livestock producers who may have to evacuate from the flood plain.

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IMPORTANT!

When flooding is hours or minutes away, keep your priorities straight. Ensure family/employee safety first. Be certain you have enough time to get to higher ground before access is cut off.

Follow the preparedness tips included in this brochure to help protect your family, employees, property and livestock.

Protecting your business.



PREPARE YOUR FLOOD PLAN TODAY. Consider the items mentioned below and ensure that staff are familiar with the plan:

- Have an evacuation plan for the building.
- Review your flood insurance program.
- Prepare to move your inventory to higher levels, offsite or into trucks.
- If you use computers have current backup of your important programs and data stored offsite.
- Protect filing cabinets and desks by moving them to a higher location in the office.
- Plan how your important records will be stored offsite. Empty your safe and remove cash from the site.
- Records to remove are: invoices, general ledger, tax returns, checks, customer lists, orders, important contracts, and other legal documents.
- Unplug electrical equipment and raise it off the floor.
- All elevators should be raised to the second floor and not used (turn them off).
- Know how to turn off natural gas appliances.
- Remove all toxic or hazardous chemicals.
- Have a supply of rope, sandbags, plastic sheeting, and lumber for emergency waterproofing.
- Turn off water supply. Remove toilet bowls, and plug basement sewer drains and toilet connections with a wooden or rubber plug available at hardware stores.
- Use a camera to document preparations/damage.

IMPORTANT! Back-up Power, Heating & Cooking Devices: never use generators, grills, or other gasoline, propane, or charcoal-burning devices inside your home, garage, or carport or near doors, windows, or vents. They produce carbon monoxide, an odourless, colourless gas that kills.