



FloodSmart Canada

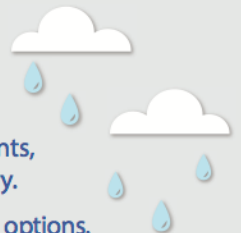
FLOODS: HOW TO PREPARE

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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