



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Public Service Announcement

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For use: Immediately through to June 30, 2018

Be flood prepared

Nelson, BC: Are you flood prepared? In the Kootenays, snowpack and weather-related events, including flooding, is a common occurrence in the spring. The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is asking residents and visitors to take the following steps to be flood prepared:

1. **Sign up for emergency alerts.** If you haven't already signed up for the free RDCK Emergency Alert Notification System, you can do so by going to the RDCK website at www.rdck.ca and clicking on "Emergency Alerts" on the home page, or by going directly to <https://rdckemergency.connectrocket.com/>.
2. **Create a household emergency plan.** A plan will help you and your family be prepared in an emergency. Keep the plan in an easy-to-find spot, review it regularly, and practice it with your family. Download a [plan template from the PreparedBC website](#).
3. **Prepare an emergency kit.** An emergency kit contains essential supplies, critical information and personal items—such as eyeglasses and medications—stored in an accessible spot, that you can easily grab and go. Learn [how to build a kit on the PreparedBC website](#).
4. **Take steps to protect your home and property.** Residents are responsible for protecting their homes and property from natural hazards. Examples of protective actions include anchoring fuel sources, installing a sump pump and sandbagging if the need becomes apparent. Check out the [PreparedBC: Household Preparedness Guide](#) for tips.
4. **Report flooding, potential flooding or landslides.** Report unusually dirty or muddy water immediately. Call the 24/7 Provincial Emergency Reporting Number (Emergency Management BC – Emergency Coordination Centre) at 1-800-663-3456.
6. **Stay in the know.** In potentially life-threatening circumstances, the RDCK—with the support of Emergency Management BC—may issue an Evacuation Alert or an Evacuation Order to residents living in a flood hazard area. Any Evacuation Alerts or Orders will be communicated through the RDCK Emergency Notification System, as well as via our website and Facebook page, and through local media. In the event of a flood or other emergency, stay tuned in to your local radio station.

Learn more by visiting the RDCK's flood preparedness page: www.rdck.ca/befloodprepared.

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Other important phone numbers and websites

For information on flood preparedness, how to develop a household emergency plan, what to include in an emergency kit, how to build a sandbag, and much more:

- PreparedBC: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>

For local RDCK freshet/flooding information bulletins (when applicable):

- RDCK: www.rdck.ca

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

For radio:

:10 Flooding is a common occurrence in the Kootenays. Are you flood prepared? Learn how you and your family can prepare for floods and other emergencies. Visit www.rdck.ca/befloodprepared.

For radio:

:30 Floods can occur any time of the year in the Kootenays, and are most common during the spring freshet season. Are you flood prepared? Learn how you and your family can be prepared for floods, and sign up for free emergency alerts to receive notification if a flood or other disaster strikes your area. Visit www.rdck.ca/befloodprepared.

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