

## 72 HOUR EMERGENCY KIT

A 72 hour Emergency Kit is a collection of basic items your family may need in the event of an emergency. 72 hour kits should be easily accessible and include essential supplies for you and your family for at least 72 hours. Please see emergency kit checklist included in your Emergency Preparedness Flood Information package.

## SANDBAGGING INFORMATION

The Regional District of Bulkley–Nechako provides sand and sandbags to residents whose homes are under imminent threat from overland flooding. For more information on how to request sand and sandbags, call: 1-800-320-3339 or visit [www.rdbn.bc.ca/protectiveservices/](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/protectiveservices/)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information on advisories visit the River Forecast Center at: [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/river-forecast-centre](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/river-forecast-centre)

For more information on how to protect your home visit: [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery).

For additional information on  
Emergency Preparedness,  
contact the  
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

[www.rdbn.bc.ca](http://www.rdbn.bc.ca)  
1-800-320-3339  
250-692-3195



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## ADVISORY DESCRIPTIONS

### ***High Streamflow Advisory***

High Streams are issued when river, creek, and tributary levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly. Flooding is not expected; however, flooding of low-lying areas is possible.

### ***Flood Watch Advisory***

Flood Watch Advisories are issued when river, creek, and tributary levels are rising and will approach or may exceed the river's banks. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected river may occur.

### ***Flood Warning Advisory***

Flood Warnings are issued when river, creek, and tributary levels have exceeded or will imminently exceed the river's banks. Flooding of areas adjacent to the affected river may also occur.

## WHAT IS AN EVACUATION ALERT

Due to the potential danger to life and health, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako may issue an Evacuation Alert for your area.

Alerts are issued to prepare residents to evacuate their premises or property should it be found necessary. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to an Evacuation Order; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

Be prepared, be informed, and be aware!

## WHAT IS AN EVACUATION ORDER

Due to the immediate danger to life and health, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako may issue an Evacuation Order for your area.

If an Evacuation Order is issued, you **MUST** leave the area immediately. Members of the RCMP or Search & Rescue will expedite this action. During an Evacuation Order, all minors must be evacuated.

During an Evacuation Order, you will not be permitted to return to your home until the Evacuation Order has been cancelled.

The Evacuation Order will have a map of the area being evacuated and the location of the Emergency Support Services Reception Centre.

## WHEN CAN FLOODING OCCUR?

During seasonal Freshet, low-lying areas are especially susceptible to flooding. Flooding can occur;

- during spring melt;
- after extreme weather events;
- when there is rapid change in climate condition.

## TIPS TO PREPARE YOU FOR FLOODING

- Follow information on Flood Advisories from the River Forecast Center
- Have a plan and educate others
- Have access to a Sump Pump.
- Know where to access sand and sandbags
- Know the risks associated with living in a flood plain.
- Have a 72 Hour Emergency Kit available that is easily accessible

