



Seasonal Flood Preparedness

Property Owners / Residents of the North Okanagan are reminded that they are responsible for all measures required for flood protection of private property. While the Province does not currently predict severe or widespread flooding, warmer temperatures and an elevated snowpack could threaten homes along rivers and creeks, or that have a history of flooding. Therefore, North Okanagan Emergency Management (NOEM) is advising residents in these areas to consider their own risk for flooding and to take preventative action *now*, in advance of any possible flooding. To assist North Okanagan property owners in protecting their homes, sandbags/sand are available at the following locations:

Armstrong : Sand and sandbags please call 250 546-3023 24/7.

Coldstream : Sand and sandbags located at 2 locations:

- Kalamalka Lake Rd, across from Postill Dr
- Lavington Area – School Rd across from Jeffers Park
- For emergencies call Public Works at 250 550-1505 during work hours or 250 542-7600 after hours

Enderby : Sand and sandbags located at Public Works yards 2309 McGowan St.
For after hours call City Hall at 250 838-7230.

Lumby: Sand and sandbags located in gravel parking lot across from the Lumby Arena/Curling Rink parking lot located at 2230 Shields Ave.

RDNO : Sandbags **only** located outside gate at the Fire Training Centre – 300 Pottery Rd.
Call 250 550-3731 during work hours.

Spallumcheen : Sand and sandbags located outside gate of Public Works yards located at 1511 Eagle Rock Rd.

Vernon : Sand and sandbags located at 2 locations:

- Vernon City Yards – outside main gate on Pleasant Valley Rd
- Corner of Okanagan Ave and Okanagan Landing Rd

Sandbags **only** available at 2 locations:

- Work hours – City Yards 1900 48th Ave
- After hours Emergency – Vernon Fire Hall 3401 30th St

Filling and placing of sandbags is the responsibility of property owners / residents.

Personal and Home preparedness is necessary as well. Make certain that your family has a Grab n' Go bag prepared that contains sufficient supplies for at least a three-day period and that important documents are stored in watertight containers. Grab n' Go bags should include things like a change of clothes, a flashlight, drinking water, snacks and medications and personal documents. Because there is minimal assistance available for flooding, NOEM urges everyone to seek clarification on coverage from their insurance company before anything happens. Planning for the evacuation and care of livestock and pets is also critical.

More information on flood risk and precautions, Personal and Home Preparedness (including maps showing the location of the flood plains in the province) and a more complete list of Grab n' Go kit essentials can be found at <http://www.pep.bc.ca/floods/index.html>. These links are also found on the North Okanagan Emergency Management website at <http://www.vernon.ca/em/index.html>. To report a serious flood situation, please call the Provincial Emergency Program at 1.800.663.3456