



## Media Release

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### **Lakeshore Road evacuation alert rescinded as City plans flood recovery**

The evacuation alert for residents along Lakeshore Road has been rescinded as creek and lake levels in Vernon have stabilized and are receding. Homeowners along the lakeshore should keep flood protection measures and flood debris in place until advised by the City. Residents should remain prepared to leave their homes quickly in the event of sudden changes.

Sandbags along properties that have not been in contact with water for at least two weeks, such as those along BX Creek, are considered safe to be removed. Sand and sandbags can be dropped off at City Operations (Pleasant Valley Road entrance). Other drop-off locations are being established in areas most impacted by flooding. The City will provide updates when these sites are determined.

In most instances, sand used for flood protection in Vernon can be treated as clean soil and be used as general fill, substitute aggregate in construction applications or blending into gardens. If it is at all possible that sandbags have come into contact with bacteria or chemicals and oils, personal usage is discouraged and residents should return the sand to the City.

**Under no circumstances should sandbags be emptied on beaches or into any creeks, wetland, beaches or other watercourses as outlined in the Water Sustainability Act.** The impact can destroy fish habitat and affect drinking water, infrastructure, flood control, navigation and recreational activities. Report violations to Natural Resource at 1 877-952-7277, (Option 2) toll-free or #7277 on a cellphone.

Residents affected by flooding may be eligible for compensation. Contact the [Red Cross](#) and the [BC Provincial Government](#) to see if you can claim flood-related expenses. For more information on flood response and recovery in Vernon, please visit [www.vernon.ca/emergency](http://www.vernon.ca/emergency).

We appreciate the patience of residents while recovery efforts are coordinated.