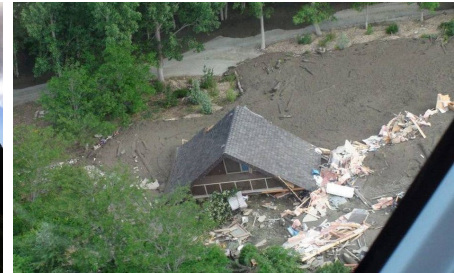




EOC Update: Are You Prepared for Emergencies?

Spring 2019



The Town of Princeton is reminding residents and visitors about the potential dangers associated with flooding, wildfires and landslides.

At this time, the Town of Princeton is providing sand and sand bags located behind the Princeton Fire Hall, 174 Penryn Avenue, for those who feel a need to protect their private properties.

BEFORE A FLOOD

- Prepare emergency kits for your home and car.
- Have an emergency plan that every household member knows.
- Keep important documents in watertight containers.
- Reach out to family and neighbours.
- Ensure your car has a full tank of gas.
- Have a plan in place in case you need to move pets and livestock.
- Keep an eye on the River Forecast Centre for river level and snow pack information.
- Watch for warning signs: increase in height and intensity of water flows, mudslides, debris in creeks, colour changes in water or leaning trees.

FLOOD PROOF YOUR HOME

- Seek necessary permission if you intend to work near a watercourse. Contact FrontCounterBC .
- Build sandbag dikes - dig a trench one sack deep and two sacks wide, laying sacs in alternating crisscross directions.
- Move appliances above anticipated flood level.
- Secure and anchor propane tanks.
- Stabilize your oil tank and weigh it down with sandbags.
- Turn off utilities at main switches or valves and unplug electrical items.
- Shut off the gas valve at the meter.
- Move pesticides, weed killers, fertilizers and anything else that may contaminate water to a higher level.
- Plug all basement sewer connections; plug toilet, sink and shower drains.
- If directed to evacuate:
 - ◆ Gather your emergency kit(s).
 - ◆ Follow instructions from local officials via The Town's website or Facebook page.
 - ◆ Move to a safe location outside the impacted area.
 - ◆ Return home only when authorities say it is safe to do so.

DURING A FLOOD

- Listen to local officials to find out what areas are affected and what roads are safe, where to go and what to do if the local emergency team asks you leave your home.
- If possible, move electrical appliances to upper floors.
- Anchor fuel supplies, such as oil tanks.
- Check out the Town of Princeton's website for information.
- Never attempt to drive or walk in floodwater. A mere six inches of fast-moving water can knock over an adult. Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles, including SUVs and pick-up trucks.
- After a Flood:
 - ◆ Re-entering your home - do not return home until authorities advise that it is safe to do so.
 - ◆ Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded, keeping an eye out for debris.
 - ◆ Be aware that floodwaters often erode roads and walkways, making them less stable.
 - ◆ Avoid standing water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
 - ◆ Photograph damage to your property and speak to your insurance agent.



Watch this short video to learn how to build a sandbag wall to protect your property or home:

<https://youtu.be/thZwVWyXiMQ>

Important Notes

- Property owners are responsible for protecting their property.
- The Town of Princeton does not deliver sand or sandbags to private residences or businesses.
- If you require assistance with sandbagging, please connect with your friends, family or volunteers.

FIRESMART YOUR PROPERTY

FireSmart is a shared responsibility. With a few simple steps you can contribute to increasing your property, neighbourhood and community resiliency to wildfire.

For more information, please visit FireSmart BC online: <https://firesmartbc.ca/>



LANDSLIDES

Recognize the danger signs. Get to know your terrain and waterways. The best way to prepare is to be aware of changes that could signal a landslide.

Learn how to recognize landslide danger signs by visiting PreparedBC online: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/landslides>



PreparedBC - Province of British Columbia - Government of BC

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

Get Prepared - Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness - Government of Canada

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/hzd/rgnl/bc-en.aspx>