



## Be Prepared for the 2023 Flood and Wildfire Seasons

### PREPARE YOUR FAMILY

Although we cannot predict when a flood or wildfire will occur, we can be proactive and take steps to prepare ourselves and protect our properties from being damaged by these events.

#### 1. Make an Emergency Plan

Ensure your family knows what to do in an emergency. Complete Prepared BC's Fill-in-the-blanks Home Emergency Plan to create an emergency plan for your family and home. Creating and printing the on-line plan will only take you about 20 minutes.

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc-guides/preparedbc\\_household\\_plan.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc-guides/preparedbc_household_plan.pdf)

#### 2. Emergency Preparedness Kits - "Grab and Go Bags"

In an emergency, it is important to have some supplies in case you need to get by without power or running water. Most emergency organizations recommend that you are prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Don't forget to make a grab and go bag for your pets.

#### Basic Emergency Kit Checklist:

- Pen and notepad
- Phone charger and battery bank
- Flashlight – wind up or battery powered (and extra batteries)
- Radio – wind up or battery powered (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit
- Personal toiletries and medication
- Seasonal clothing
- Extra keys for car and house
- Food – non-perishable such as energy bars, dried and canned food; manual can opener
- Water – at least two litres of water per person per day
- Cash and change
- Important family documents – identification, insurance, bank records
- Whistle
- Emergency blanket
- Emergency plan and contact information

### 3. Protect Your Home

FireSmart™ your home. Download the FireSmart BC Landscaping Guide.

[https://firesmartbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FireSmartBC\\_LandscapingGuide\\_Web\\_v2.pdf](https://firesmartbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FireSmartBC_LandscapingGuide_Web_v2.pdf)

### 4. Know Your Evacuation Stages

**Evacuation Alert:** Be ready to leave on short notice.

**Evacuation Order:** You are at risk. Leave immediately. Make sure you check in at an Emergency Support Services (ESS) reception centre. Contact family and friends to let them know where you are and that you are safe.

**Evacuation Rescind:** All is now safe and you can return home.

### 5. Download Prepared BC's Wildfire Preparedness Guide

The Wildfire Preparedness Guide will help prepare you for what to do before, during and after a wildfire. [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc-guides/wildfire\\_preparedness\\_guide.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc-guides/wildfire_preparedness_guide.pdf)

### 6. Download Prepared BC's Flood Preparedness Guide

The Flood Preparedness Guide will help prepare you for what to do before, during and after a flood. [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc-guides/preparedbc\\_flood\\_preparedness\\_guide\\_fillable.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/preparedbc/preparedbc-guides/preparedbc_flood_preparedness_guide_fillable.pdf)

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