



Flood Preparation



In the event of flooding where your home may be impacted, you may be ordered to evacuate. An Evacuation Order may come with little warning, so it is important to be prepared.



Information to help you prepare for flooding in your area.

What to do during an evacuation

- Follow instructions issued by emergency personnel.
- Put family suitcases in the vehicle.
- Ensure all pets and supplies are with you.
- Lock doors and windows.
- Do not drive or walk through moving water. Water can be deeper than it appears. It only takes 60 cm (2 ft) to sweep a vehicle away. As little as 15 cm (6 in) of moving water can cause you to fall while walking.
- Use the prescribed evacuation route provided by emergency personnel at the time of the event. Do not take shortcuts, as you may end up in a blocked or dangerous area.
- Proceed to the Reception Centre identified by emergency personnel at the time of the event. Even if you do not require their assistance, you must check in and advise how authorities can contact you about your property, if necessary.
- Notify in-town and out-of-town friends and relatives that you have safely evacuated and provide a contact phone number. This reduces the number of calls placed to the Emergency Call Centre by people searching for loved ones.

Stay Informed

Public Safety & Emergency Services BC
www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety

Fraser River Forecast Centre
gov.bc.ca/riverforecast

Public Safety Canada
getprepared.ca

Weather Warning
weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca

Township of Langley Email Notifications
tol.ca/notifications

The Langley Emergency Program is jointly supported by the Township of Langley and City of Langley. The program is responsible for the coordination of planning, preparedness, and staff and agency training to respond and recover from major emergencies or disasters in Langley.

Being prepared when disaster strikes is everyone's responsibility!



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Evacuation: 3 key stages

Evacuation Alert: Local authorities issue a warning about an imminent threat to life and property. Be ready to leave on short notice.

Evacuation Order: When an Evacuation Order is issued by local authorities, leave the area immediately. For more information on evacuation routes, emergency shelters, and procedures, stay tuned to local radio, television, and Langley City and the Township of Langley's communication mediums:

Langley City

langleycity.ca

facebook.com/langleycity

twitter.com/cityoflangley

Township of Langley

tol.ca

facebook.com/langleytownship

twitter.com/langleytownship

Email notifications: tol.ca/notifications

Evacuation Rescind: Local authorities will notify you through emergency personnel or local media when an Evacuation Order is rescinded. An Evacuation Alert or Evacuation Order may be reinstated by local authorities if the threat returns.



Be prepared

Each of us has a responsibility to protect our homes and families where possible. As you live in a flood plain, by planning ahead and taking precautions, you can minimize damage to your home and keep your family safe.

Do it now!



- Keep vehicle fuel tanks full.
- Keep important papers with you and have a record of your valuables.
- Photograph possessions which may assist with insurance claims.
- Remove or secure family heirlooms, valuables, documents, photos, and memorabilia.
- Remove or move any hazardous materials to a place of safety (such as cleaners, pesticides, weed killers, or fertilizers).
- Move outdoor items, such as furniture and barbecues, to a higher level.
- Oil, propane, or water tanks may float. Weigh down with sandbags, wedge against a solid object, or anchor with chain or cable.

Ensure everyone is ready

Emergency kit: Have a suitcase ready for each member of the family with clothing, toiletries, prescriptions, eyeglasses, cell phone and charger, personal phone book, important documents, identification, insurance papers, and some cash.

Emergency plan:

- Plan now for an alternate place to live.
- Share your plans with family and friends so they know how to reach you.
- Arrange a meeting place for family members in the event family members are NOT together when you evacuate.

Family pets: Ensure you have pet supplies ready to go, including kennel, medications, identification, and somewhere for your pet to stay (such as with friends or family).

Livestock: Begin livestock evacuation **after** an Evacuation Alert is issued but **before** an Evacuation Order is declared. If farmers self-evacuate or move animals prior to the Evacuation Alert, they are not eligible for reimbursement. For more information, visit AgriService BC at gov.bc.ca/agriservicebc.

Neighbour helping neighbour: Check on elderly, disabled, or non-English speaking neighbours to ensure they are aware of the situation or to determine if they need your assistance with transportation or other issues. If you do not have transportation available, make arrangements with a neighbour or friend.