



The River May Flood: Are you Prepared?

With the arrival of Spring comes the danger of flooding in your neighbourhood.

The key to preventing or minimizing the damage to your home and property is being prepared before the water starts to rise.

You are the first line of defence in a flood. This brochure from the City of Fredericton's Emergency Measures Organization is designed to help you secure your home.

It provides important tips and valuable contact information so when the time comes you will be ready.

We can't predict the future, but we can plan for it. Are you prepared?



Police Chief Barry MacKnight
Director, City of Fredericton
Emergency Measures Organization

Begin With a Plan

Preparing for a flood or any other natural or man-made disaster begins with an emergency plan.

- Collect health and medication information for your family. If you have to leave in a hurry it will be helpful.
- Designate safe exits from your home and neighbourhood.
- Designate a safe meeting place to reunite with family or room-mates.
- Designate someone to pick up children should you be unavailable.
- Designate a safe place for your pet to stay.
- Make sure you have a supply of flashlights and batteries.
- Collect insurance documents, important phone numbers, etc. Pick a safe place to store them.
- Make a list of contact persons close by and out of town.

Getting Ready

- Securely fasten or brace hot water tanks and oil tanks to prevent them from floating and breaking off your water feed line or spilling oil.
- Locate and clear the area around your water meter.
- Locate and clear the area around your sewer clean out.
- If you own a sump pump, invest in a power generator to ensure it continues to operate if the power goes out.

Before Leaving

- Turn off your basement furnace and outside gas or oil supply valve. If time permits, ask your oil supplier to drain your tank to prevent a spill.
- For assistance locating and shutting off your natural gas valve, contact Enbridge Gas at 1-800-994-2762.
- Turn off all power at the main electrical panel. If the area around the fuse box or circuit breaker panel is wet, leave it alone and call NB Power for assistance at 1-800-663-6272.

During a Flood

- Visit www.fredericton.ca for maps showing flood-prone areas of the City, information bulletins, official news releases and links to other important flood information.
- Keep your radio on to find out what areas are affected, as well as what roads are safe.
- Be careful driving or boating around the City. You can't see hidden hazards and waves created by your vehicle can further damage nearby homes.
- If you have to leave your home, let friends and relatives know where you will be.
- Be careful pumping out flooded basements. It could cause the collapse of the basement walls
- Water flowing through sewer pipes may be forced through manholes onto the street. Parking lots can flood quickly.

Important Numbers

NB POWER
1-800-663-6272

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ENBRIDGE GAS
1-800-994-2762

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CITY OF FREDERICTON
FLOOD INFO LINE
506-460-2996

www.fredericton.ca

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CANADIAN RED CROSS
1-888-893-1300

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NB RIVER WATCH
1-800-561-4034

www.gnb.ca/RiverWatch

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Flood Levels

The St. John River reaches flood stage at 6.5 meters. In 2008, the river crested at 8.36 metres. The flood of 1973 reached a level of 8.61 metres.