



# RIVER WATCH 2023: 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 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?

# Fredericton



## Begin With a Plan

Preparing for a flood or any other natural or manmade 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 and a safe meeting place to reunite with family or roommates.
- Designate someone to pick up children should you be unavailable and a safe place for pets 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.
- Visit [www.getprepared.ca](http://www.getprepared.ca) to get more information about creating a household emergency plan and building an emergency kit.

## 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.
- For those in low-lying areas, secure items outside your home that could float away.
- Locate and clear the area around your water meter and 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 Liberty Utilities 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/RiverWatch](http://www.fredericton.ca/RiverWatch) for maps showing flood-prone areas of the City, information bulletins, official news releases and links to other important flood information.
- Watch the City's social media channels and listen to local radio to find out what areas are affected by flooding, as well as what roads are closed.
- Be careful driving or boating around the City. You can't see hidden hazards and waves created by your vehicle / boat 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

### LIBERTY UTILITIES

1-800-994-2762

### CITY OF FREDERICTON

506-460-2020 [www.fredericton.ca](http://www.fredericton.ca)

### CANADIAN RED CROSS

1-800-222-9597

### NB RIVER WATCH

1-888-561-4048 [www.gnb.ca/RiverWatch](http://www.gnb.ca/RiverWatch)

### NBEMO

1-800-561-4034



## Flood Levels

The Saint John River reaches flood stage at 6.5 metres. In 2019, the river crested at 8.31 metres. The flood of 1973 reached a level of 8.61 metres.

