



PRESS RELEASE

Flood and Wildfire Seasons Are Here – Are You Prepared?

Kamloops, BC – May 10, 2023 – As part of Emergency Preparedness Week from May 7 – 13, 2023, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is reminding residents to be prepared for emergencies including flooding, wildfires and landslides.

“The best time to get prepared for disasters was yesterday. The second-best time is today. Given the flooding occurring in many areas of our region, and the disastrous events we’ve faced in recent years, it’s never been more important to be prepared and have a plan,” said Kevin Skrepnek, Manager of Community and Emergency Services. “There are many straightforward measures that residents can take to get ready for an emergency.”

The TNRD Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has been activated since April 29, 2023 in response to wildfires and flooding throughout the Thompson-Nicola region.

Flood Warnings, Flood Watches and High Streamflow Advisories issued by the BC River Forecast Centre remain in place throughout the Thompson-Nicola region. To view all current advisories from the River Forecast Centre, click [here](#).

To report flooding or request sand or sandbags, please contact the EOC at 250-377-7188. To find information on sand and sandbag locations, please visit: tnrd.ca/emergencymap.

Many Thompson-Nicola properties are in urban interface zones, and it is crucial for residents to FireSmart their property to increase their resistance to wildfire. Fortunately, there are many easy steps to take that will have a significant impact. To learn more, visit: tnrd.ca/firesmart.

For information on how to prepare for natural disasters in the TNRD, residents are encouraged to visit: tnrd.ca/beprepared. On this page, you will find information to help you create an emergency plan, how to prepare for emergencies, and links to webpages from relevant agencies.

Residents in TNRD Electoral Areas should ensure that house numbers are clearly visible on their property, in order for first responders to get to you in a streamlined manner during an emergency. House numbers should be visible at all times, and address numbers should be at least 8-10 centimetres in height.

To keep up to date on evacuation orders, evacuation alerts and other emergency notices in TNRD Electoral Areas, the TNRD has the following resources available:

- [Register for Voyent Alert!](#);
- Follow the TNRD on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#);
- Visit tnrd.ca/emergency; or
- Sign up for the TNRD mailing list while on any webpage on tnrd.ca.



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