



## IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

November 10, 2016

### **Flood warning for the Campbell River – property owners near river advised to prepare**

With rising water levels in the Campbell River already at the edges of the river bank and more heavy rain expected as early as Thursday, the Province of British Columbia has issued a flood warning for the Campbell River.

A flood warning means that rising river levels are expected to result in flooding of nearby areas. Anyone situated close to the river should take appropriate measures to avoid flood damage in the coming days.

### **Property owners are advised to take precautionary measures and prepare for possible flooding. See a complete list of precautionary measures below and on reverse.**

The City is continuing to monitor the weather and river levels, and crews are on call to assist as necessary.

### **Please call 250-287-7444 for after-hours emergency assistance.**

Please keep a safe distance from the river because of wet, slippery conditions and fast-flowing water.

Find updates on:

- City of Campbell River's Website ([www.campbellriver.ca](http://www.campbellriver.ca))
- City of Campbell River Facebook page
- Strathcona Emergency Program Facebook page
- Strathcona Emergency Program Twitter feed @SEP\_EPC

### **Precautionary measures in case of potential flooding:**

- Shore up property with sand bags.
  - Sandbag supplies are available in Campbellton at Spruce St. and 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. (bring a shovel!)
  - Supplies are also available at the City's Dogwood Operations Centre (385 S. Dogwood – enter from driveway on Mercroft).
  - Supplies are also available at the Emcon yard at 7025 Gold River Hwy (intersection of highway and Argonaut Rd).
- You might also need plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber to protect your property
- Prepare for a possible evacuation.
  - Ensure your vehicle gas tank is full.
  - Pack a grab-and-go bag that includes prescription medicines, if necessary.
  - Make accommodation arrangements for all family members and pets.
- Remove high-value household items; move items from basement to upper floor.
- Seal hazardous materials such as petroleum products, paint and insecticides in plastic garbage bags and move them into safe storage or dispose of them safely.

### Electrical appliances

- At first sign of flooding, turn off electrical power and leave it off.
  - If main electrical switch is in an already-wet basement, contact an electrician or BC Hydro for further advice and assistance.
- Water can ruin electrical motors. Move all portable electric heaters, power tools and electrical appliances to a safe place. Consider having a qualified person remove motors, controls and switches from furnaces, refrigerators and washers.
- Consider moving all thermally-insulated appliances such as freezers and refrigerators to upper floors of the house.

### Gas-fired appliances

- At first sign of flooding, turn off all gas-fired appliances and put out the pilot light. Turn off the main gas inlet valve, located at the gas meter.
- Do not remove any gas-fired appliances without ensuring that the main gas inlet valve has been closed.
- There should be no smoking or open flames in the area.
- For a forced air furnace, move the fan motor and fan to a dry storage place.
- Do not drain the hot water tank; it will serve as ballast to secure the tank in place.
- If gas appliances are removed, make gas outlets tight using a plugged valve, a cap, or a plug on the piping system.

### Plumbing

- Remove any basement toilet bowls. Plug these outlets and all other basement outlets (floor drains, sinks, laundry drains) to prevent floodwater from entering.
- Use wooden plugs or beanbags and secure outlets with plank braces nailed securely to floor joists.

### Fuel Tanks

- Anchor propane tanks to keep them from moving, even if they are full.
- Turn off the tank valve.
- Disconnect the tubing and seal the end.
- Secure the tank with rope or chain heavy enough to resist the force of floodwaters.