



**Kings Region Emergency  
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# Flood Information

## **What to do:**

Floods can occur at any time and can cause significant damage to your home and property. Sewer backups, leaks, broken water mains, torrential rainfalls, and sudden ice thaws can all result in flooding. Weather disasters, such as hurricanes and storm surges, can cause water levels to rise violently along the coastline. The risk of flooding is generally highest in the spring with heavy rains and winter thawing.

## **When a Flood Warning is Issued:**

- Fill your bathtub(s) with water for flushing, washing, and cleaning.
- Be sure to tune-in to local broadcast networks for updates from authorities.
- Set aside a supply of drinking water, in case your supply becomes contaminated.
- Disconnect eaves troughs that drain into a sewer.
- Remove all chemicals from basement.
- Move furniture and personal belongings to a higher floor.
- If your property is close to water consider piling sandbags.
- Put away lawn furniture, planters, small boats or things that could be swept away.

## **If your Home is Flooded:**

- Turn basement furnace off and shut off outside gas valves.
- Turn off electrical power. If your main breaker box is not in a dry, safe location, do not attempt to turn it off. Contact NS Power at 1-877-428-6004.
- Do not go in water where contact has been made with electrical equipment.
- If drinking water is contaminated, purify by boiling, using purification tablets or chlorinate with a bleaching compound.
- Do not use well water for drinking, cooking, or bathing until the water has been tested and determined to be safe. If you have questions about your water, you should contact your local environment office by calling 1-877-9ENVIRO.

## **When Re-entering your Home:**

- Do not return home until authorities have advised that it is safe to do so.
- If the main power switch was not turned off prior to flooding, do not re-enter your home until a qualified electrician has determined it is safe to do so.
- Appliances that may have been flooded pose a risk of shock or fire. Do not use any appliances, heating, pressure, or sewage systems until components have been thoroughly cleaned, dried, and inspected by a qualified electrician.
- The main electrical panel must also be cleaned, dried, and tested by a qualified electrician to ensure that it is safe.

**BE PREPARED.**



**Nova Scotians are encouraged to be ready to cope on their own for at least the first 72 hours of an emergency.**

Being prepared means:

- knowing the risks,
- developing a plan, and
- preparing a kit.

For more information, visit [novascotia.ca/EMO](http://novascotia.ca/EMO)

## **Emergency Numbers to Remember**

**911** – This is for emergencies only. If someone's health, safety or property is threatened and help is needed right away, call 911.

*Emergencies include:*

- Fire
- Serious accident
- Crime in progress
- Emergency medical situation
- Poisoning

**811** • for health information and advice when you have a health concern or question

**511** • for information about provincial roads in Nova Scotia

**211** • for community and social services

## **Other important numbers**

Power Outage

**1-877-428-6004**

Bell Aliant Outage

**611** or **1-800-663-2600**

Eastlink Outage

**1-888-345-1111**

Drinking Water Safety

**1-877-936-8476**

Food Safety

**1-877-252-FOOD (3663)**

Environmental Emergencies (such as oil spills and gas leaks): **1-800-565-1633**

Emergency Management Office (Nova Scotia Office)

**1-866-424-5620**