



Hazard Help Sheet

Flood Awareness



Warmer Weather Patterns Can Increase Risk For Flooding

Take Steps to Prepare Now and Protect Yourself and Your Family

Floods are a year-round hazard and do not end when warmer weather arrives. Although this winter has not yet proven to be as severe as in past years, the coming months can bring about a range of conditions across the country that could affect our community. The onset of seasonal rains and snowmelt can also lead to flooding.

Across the country, particularly in the Northeast, heavy snowfall, ice jams, rapid snowmelt, and intense rainstorms caused by fluctuating temperatures can all increase the likelihood and the severity of localized flooding. The good news is that there are simple steps that residents can take to address these risks.

Many people mistakenly believe that their homeowners insurance covers flood damage. Only flood insurance financially protects properties from flooding. It only takes a few inches of water in a home or business to cause thousands of dollars of damage. The time to get protected is now.

Did you know that flooding is the nation's most common and most costly natural disaster? Flooding can happen in every city, state / province and territory. However, all floods are not alike. Some can develop slowly during an extended period of rain, or in a warming trend following a heavy snow. Others, such as flash floods, can occur quickly, even without any visible signs of rain. It's important to be prepared for flooding no matter where you live, but particularly if you are in a low-lying area, near water or downstream from a dam. Even a very small stream or dry creek bed can overflow and create flooding. Be safe! Be prepared! Here's what you can do:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

AMPS Central Dispatch: (613) 575-2000

SRMT Central Dispatch: (518) 358-9200

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Everyone lives in
a flood zone.

Step 1: Prepare a "Go Kit"

Prepare your "Go Kit" which includes items like non-perishable food, water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra flashlights and batteries. You may want to place your "Go Kit" in your car. Other important items to add are:

- Extra medications, medical supplies, eye glasses;
- Additional clothing, cash, credit cards; first aid kit;
- Basic electronic and cellular phone chargers;
- Important documents: driver's license, status cards, insurance policies, wills, birth and marriage certificates, etc. and
- Pet medications and pet supplies.

Step 2: Stay Informed

Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a flood hazard.

Flood Watch: Flooding is possible. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio such as Akwesasne's own [97.3 CKON FM Radio](#), or television for information.

Flash Flood Watch: Flash flooding is possible. Be prepared to move to higher ground.

Flood Warning: Flooding is occurring or will occur soon. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

Step 3: Travel With Caution

Your family may not be together when flooding occurs, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency. Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of the Territory of Akwesasne.

In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials and continue to listen to Akwesasne's [CKON 97.3 FM](#) for safe routes, should evacuation be required. Do not drive on "ice roads" as no ice is safe ice!

