

72 Hour Emergency Kit

Everyone should have an emergency survival kit, with the supplies needed to be safe and take care of yourself and your family for at least three days. No two households are the same. When building your family emergency plan, be mindful of the special needs and considerations of individuals in your own household. By evaluating your unique needs, you can better prepare for any situation.

In these uncertain times it is not advisable to open reception centres where many people will be forced into restricted areas. Doing so could increase the spread of COVID-19. Plan now where you can go so that you and your loved ones can be as safe as possible.

www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-preparedness

In the Event of an Evacuation

It is up to you to protect yourself and your loved ones. In an emergency, calls are prioritized and assistance may be delayed or not available. If you choose to ignore the evacuation recommendation, emergency services may not be able to get to you in a timely fashion.

If you or a loved one has a mobility impairment or has special medical needs, your emergency plan should take into account extra time and requirements you may need.

We also encourage relatives, friends and neighbours of elderly, vulnerable or limited mobility residents to ensure that these individuals are receiving information, are prepared for an evacuation and have assistance to evacuate in the event of flooding.

Elderly, limited mobility or those with a medical condition who need assistance in an evacuation scenario are asked to call the Town of Tecumseh at 519-735-2184 Ext. 101 or Ext. 109 to register in advance for evacuation assistance.

Sandbags

200 sandbags are available free of charge for Tecumseh residents who live along the Lake St. Clair and Pike Creek shorelines. Sand is available at Lakewood Park south in the parking lot. Residents must bring their own shovels and fill the sandbags on their own.

Visit www.ontario.ca/page/floods for information about the proper way to sandbag.

As advised by the Windsor Essex County Health Unit, when filling sandbags, please keep a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) away from anyone else who may be filling sandbags.

Prepare Your Property

- Make sure your basement is waterproofed and your sump pump is working. Install a battery-operated or water-powered backup in case of power failure.
- Clear gutters and drains. Move furniture, valuables and important documents to a safe place.
- Consider procuring an engineer to discuss options to protect your home.

Electrical Safety

There is a heightened risk of electrical shock when water makes contact with electrical systems that could seriously injure or kill you.

When flooding has occurred:

- Do not enter your basement if you know or suspect water has risen above the level of electrical outlets, baseboard heaters, furnace, power cords, or is near your electrical panel. Electricity can move through water or wet flooring and cause electrical shock.
- In the event that flood water has risen above outlets, baseboard heaters, or your furnace, covers power cords, or is near the electrical panel, contact a licensed electrician or your local electric utility immediately and arrange for them to disconnect power to your home.
- Watch out for downed power lines in flooded areas. If you see one, stay out of the water and back at least 10 meters and call 911.

Natural Gas

For your safety, Enbridge Gas will shut off a customer's natural gas supply in affected areas where gas meters can be safely accessed. Workers do not need to enter homes or businesses to do this. If you smell natural gas or detect other signs of a gas leak, please take the following steps:

1. Prevent sources of ignition. Do not touch electrical switches, light candles, or use a landline phone.
2. Exit the building immediately.
3. From a safe area, call at 1-877-969-0999 or 911.
4. Do not re-enter the building until it has been inspected. Do not attempt to relight appliances.

www.uniongas.com/about-us/safety/flood