



News Release

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The City of Quesnel advises residents to prepare for potential flooding

Quesnel, B.C. – May 17, 2018 – On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, the BC River Forecast Centre upgraded the Fraser River at Prince George through Quesnel to a flood watch. The Fraser River water levels are rising and will approach or may exceed banks. Residents with properties in low lying areas near waterways could see flooding.

Read the full advisory here: <http://bcrcf.env.gov.bc.ca/warnings/index.htm>

Although the City is prepared to respond to flooding, it's the homeowner's responsibility to undertake practical temporary and permanent flood protection works to protect their home and property. Here are some steps you can take to help protect your home, property and family:

- Create a household emergency plan, put together your grab-and-go bag, and connect with your neighbours
- Move equipment and other assets to higher ground
- Clear perimeter drains, eavestroughs and gutters. Maintain your sump pumps
- Move electrical appliances to upper floors and make sure to anchor fuel supplies
- Park vehicles away from streams and waterways

Learn more about protecting your property from flooding: <http://bit.ly/2rLxFSR>

As a safety precaution, the City is strongly recommending residents keep children and animals away from river banks and to follow all detour signs on roadways and trails.

The City will continue to monitor river levels regularly. Any updates will be posted to the City Website at www.quesnel.ca.

Residents are strongly encouraged to register for the Emergency Notification System to receive a text, call or email regarding Evacuation Alerts and Orders or other emergency updates: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612292#/signup>

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