

NOTICE

FLOOD PREPARATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND

Higher than normal snowpack levels, warm temperatures and predicted rainfall are all variable factors that can combine to elevate the risk of flooding from Okanagan Lake.

Residents in low-lying and waterfront areas that were affected by the high lake and ground water levels in 2017 are encouraged to take similar precautions and to use sandbags or other measures to protect structures and their property.

Plan Ahead and Be Prepared

Residents are encouraged to start planning now and to prepare their property for the rising groundwater. In 2018, the Fire Department will be unable to provide private residents with hoses and/or fittings. We recommend residents watch the lake levels closely in order to give themselves enough time to source required hoses and other devices or appliances.

To minimize damage to your home, you should elevate any belongings that are located in your crawlspace and/or basement. Continue to monitor that space for the presence of water.

You should also check that your sump pump is in good working order, and possibly have an extra pump(s) available. Ensure that the discharges from the sump pumps or other pumps are not directly pumping into the sanitary sewer system (this includes pumping directly in to household drains as well as into bathtubs or other drains in your house). It is imperative that residents do not pump into the sewer systems as the increase demand on it could result in a system failure.

Sand and Sandbags

Sand bags are available at the Peachland Fire and Rescue Station 21 during office hours Monday – Friday 8 am – 4pm located at 4401-3rd Street.

IF you require sand and sandbags AFTER HOURS contact the Kelowna Fire Department at (250) 469-8577

For up-to-date information on the situation including a map and to sign up for E-updates visit <http://www.cordemergency.ca/>

