

December 9, 2021

Flooding Update



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Weather: Flood Watch

Cowichan Tribes continues its recovery from the November flooding event, while keeping a close eye on flood conditions. With flood season running until the end of March, our staff are actively monitoring river activity and weather conditions to prepare and inform our community.

Please share this information with elders and your neighbours.



Make a Grab and Go Kit

Be ready to be evacuated on short notice. Get your grab and go kits ready – include your medication, important papers, change of clothes, phone charger, and other essentials.



Sign up to receive evacuation updates

Get text notices with updates and evacuation alerts by signing up at:

<https://alertable.ca/signup/?site=Cowichan>

Also be sure to listen to the radio and check Cowichan Tribes' Facebook page.



Sandbags

Much work has been done on preparing sandbags for community members. Thanks to help from Emergency Management BC (EMBC), Khowutzun Forestry Services, BC Wildfire Service, Canadian Armed Forces and Cowichan Tribes contractors we were able to place sandbags around homes and buildings that are at the greatest risk of flooding.

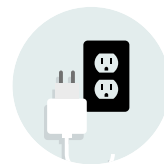
Sandbags are stockpiled for community usage at:

- Clem Clem Longhouse
- Mission Road (former Koksilah Nursery)
- Quamichan West Longhouse



Unplug appliances in basements

Make sure fans, heaters, or dehumidifiers in basements or crawl spaces are unplugged and out of the way just in case flooding happens again. When appliances get wet they can be a fire and safety hazard. Please call 250.715.3333 if you need help moving appliances.



Allenby Road closure

Allenby Road remains closed as assessments and plans for repairs continue. For personal safety, please avoid this road by foot and vehicle.

Contact emergency@cowichantribes.com and 250.715.3333 if you need help or information.



Financial Assistance for Members Impacted by Flooding



**Canadian
Red Cross**

Red Cross Relief Fund is in Duncan and accepting applications for \$2,000 of direct financial assistance to people whose primary residence was placed on evacuation orders during Nov 14-16 flood events. This assistance can help with home repairs and damage to property from the flooding.

Where:

Cowichan Community Centre 2nd floor

When:

6 days a week 10 am- 4 pm; closed on Thursdays and STAT holidays

How to apply:

To determine eligibility, stop by the community centre or register your household by calling 1.800.863.6582 between 8 am and 8 pm or visiting www.redcross.ca/2021bcfloods

Who qualifies:

- Those who were under an evacuation order .
- Household applications (family)
- Roommates in a household will be handled as a different intake

Identification requirements:

- Original documentation with photo ID, birth date, name and address.

- 1) BC Driver's License or Care Card – meets the four criteria, or
- 2) Status card or passports + other paperwork identifies your address and name (i.e. utility bill issued within the last 3 months)

Payment methods include options for e-transfer, a preloaded debit card or receiving a cheque in the mail.



Disaster Financial Assistance

If your home was directly impacted by the recent flooding and have no home or tenant insurance, you must apply for this assistance within 90 days, which is before February 12, 2022. A homeowner or residential tenant who applies must be the registered titleholder, lessee, or renter of the flood impacted property and it must be your primary or principal residence on a day-to-day basis. Cowichan Tribes staff can help you fill out forms and answer questions. Call us at 250.715.3333.

Please be aware prior to applying for disaster financial assistance that these funds are only available to you **twice in a lifetime**. This funding should be reserved for significant home repairs, whereas Red Cross funding can help with replacing appliances and clothing.

Learn how to apply here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/evacuee-guidance/disaster-financial-assistance>

Last COVID clinic of 2021

When: Saturday, Dec. 11 from 2-6 pm

Where: Si'em Lelum gym

Who: Ages 5+ Cowichan households living on and off-reserve



Eligible: 1st dose – 5+ years; 2nd dose – 12+ (more than 4 weeks from 1st dose); 3rd dose – 18+ (5-6 months from second dose) as well as 12+ with health problems causing immune suppression

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