

DO YOU HAVE A 72-HOUR EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT?

Everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves and their families for at least three days in the event of an emergency or disaster. No community is equipped to handle all the demands of a catastrophe. Help your community by preparing yourself.

How to prepare an emergency survival kit:

Aim to have a kit that will keep you and your family self-sufficient in your home for at least 3 days (72 hours).



What to include in your easy to carry container (in case you have to evacuate):

- Flashlight
- Battery or crank operated radio
- Batteries
- Water
- Non perishable food
- Candle and matches
- First Aid Kit
- Blankets/Sleeping Bags
- Medication
- Whistle
- Cash



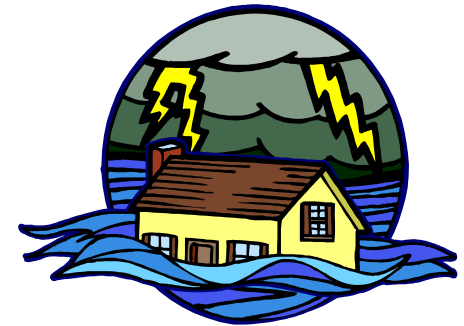
DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE ASKED TO EVACUATE?

If authorities ask you to leave your home, they have a good reason for making that request and you should heed their advice immediately.

- Check with the local conservation authority
- Listen to local radio / TV
- Wear long sleeve shirts, pants and sturdy shoes/footwear to protect yourself as much as possible
- Lock your home
- Take your emergency survival kit
- Take a cellular phone if you have one
- Use the travel routes specified by authorities
- Ensure that your pets and livestock are provided for
- Have an up to date copy of your home insurance policy

FLOOD AWARE

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



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**YOU LIVE OR WORK IN AN
AREA POTENTIALLY AFFECTED
BY LAKE SIMCOE FLOODING**

Your community's Emergency Management Office is tasked with the responsibility of coordinating an effective response to natural, technological and human-caused disasters to ensure the safety of residents.

As required by the *Emergency Management Act*, the Town's Emergency Management Team has completed a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) to establish a risk profile for the community. Flooding of Lake Simcoe has been identified as a priority hazard for the community.

You have received this brochure because you live or work within proximity of Lake Simcoe and would likely be affected in a flood situation.

Each year certain low lying areas flood along the shore of Lake Simcoe; however, this year it is predicted that the water levels will be higher than normal. This brochure will provide you with information to help protect you and your family should a flood occur.

The Town's Emergency Management Team is making plans for reception and emergency shelters should a flood occur; however, residents are advised to act proactively and make alternate arrangements whenever possible.

FLOOD WARNINGS



The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is responsible for forecasting where and when flooding is likely to occur and issuing flood warnings.

FLOOD ADVISORY means...

The potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities.

FLOOD WARNING means....

Flooding is imminent or occurring within specific watercourses and municipalities.

FLOOD SAFETY BULLETIN means...

Unsafe lake, river and channel conditions exist.

When the Town of Innisfil receives a flood message from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, the public will be notified immediately through the media. A relationship has been established with local media and in the event of a flood advisory or warning, local media will relay municipally issued public action directives about the recommended actions the public should take to protect themselves, their family and their property.

Remember...

Sometimes flash or sudden flooding can occur without warning. If it has been raining hard for several hours or raining steadily for several days, be alert to the possibility of a flood.

**KNOW WHAT TO DO
WHEN A FLOOD
ADVISORY, WARNING
OR BULLETIN IS ISSUED**

When a FLOOD ADVISORY is Issued . . .

- Move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home
- Fill your car's gas tank, in case an evacuation order is issued

When a FLOOD WARNING is Issued . . .

- Listen to local radio stations for information and advice. If told to evacuate, do so as soon as possible

When a FLOOD SAFETY BULLETIN is Issued . . .

- Stay away from rivers, streams and other watercourses
- Speak to your children and remind them of the dangers of playing near rivers, streams and other watercourses

For additional information, you may contact the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority at (905) 895-1281 or online at www.lsrca.on.ca.

If a **FLOOD ADVISORY** or **FLOOD WARNING** is issued, the Town of Innisfil's Public Information Line will be activated. Residents with questions or concerns can call (705) 436-3710.