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EVACUATION ALERT (June 10, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.)

An Evacuation Alert has been issued by <u>District of Kent</u> at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) due to the rising water levels of the Harrison River. Due to potential risk, danger to life, and health, the <u>District of Kent</u> has issued an **Evacuation Alert** for the properties identified in the attached map (Schedule 1).

An Evacuation Alert has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

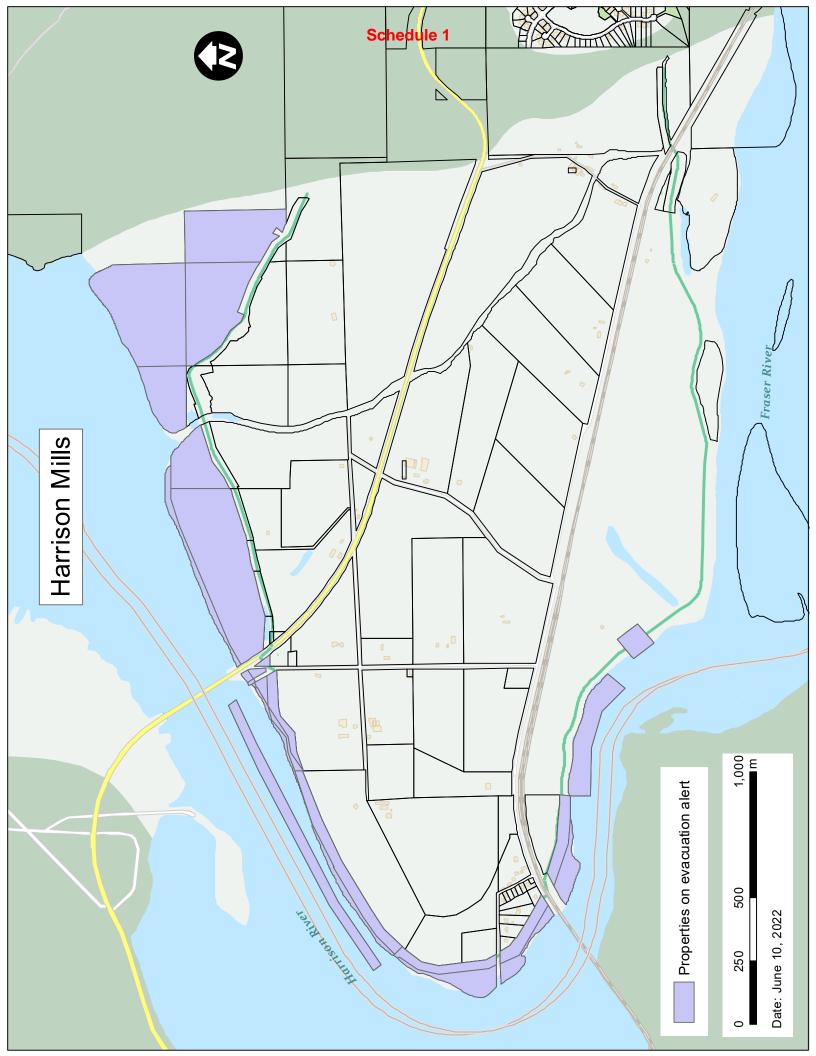
- a) Locate all family members and designate a meeting area outside the evacuation area, should an Evacuation Order be called while separated.
- b) Pack essential items such as government-issued ID (passports), medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (e.g. insurance, credit, and mortgage information), immediate care needs for dependents and, if time and space permits, keepsakes for quick departure.
- c) Prepare to move disabled persons, children and/or neighbours, if assistance is needed.
- d) Prepare to take pets with you (if possible) or arrange for pet accommodations.
- e) Arrange transportation for all your household members. Fill the gas tanks of personal vehicles. If transportation assistance is needed, call <u>604-796-2614</u> (Agassiz Fire Hall) or <u>604-796-2235</u> (District Hall) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- f) Arrange accommodation for all members of the residence, if possible.
- g) Monitor www.kentbc.ca for information on evacuation orders and location of Reception Centres.

This alert may be followed by immediate ORDER TO EVACUATE. When an ORDER TO EVACUATE is issued, you must leave your home immediately.

A Flood Preparation Checklist is included for your use and information. It is recommended that you follow it closely. If electrical services are impacted by water, BC Hydro may cut power off to the affected area of the property.

For more information contact: District of Kent 604-796-2614 or 604-796-2235.

Sylvia Pranger, Mayor District of Kent





FLOOD PREPARATION CHECKLIST

In the event of flooding where your home may be impacted, you may be ordered to evacuate. An Evacuation Order may come with little warning, so it is important to be prepared.

BE PREPARED

- Keep vehicle fuel tanks full
- Keep important papers with you and have a record of your valuables
- Photograph possessions which may assist with insurance claims
- Remove or secure family heirlooms, valuables, documents, photos, memorabilia
- Remove or move any hazardous materials to a place of safety (cleaners, pesticides, weed killers, fertilizers)
- Move outdoor items, such as furniture and barbecues, to a higher level
- Oil, propane, or water tanks may float. Weigh down with sandbags, wedge against a solid object, or anchor with chain and cable

ENSURE EVERYONE IS READY

<u>Emergency kit:</u> Have a suitcase ready for each member of the family with clothing, toiletries, prescription, eyeglasses, cell phone and charger, personal phone book, important documents, identification, insurance papers, some cash.

<u>Emergency plan:</u> Plan now for an alternate place to live; share your plans with family, friends and employers so they know how to reach you; arrange a meeting place for family members in the event family members are NOT together when you evacuate.

<u>Family pets:</u> Ensure you have pet supplies ready to go, including kennel, medications, identification and somewhere for your pet to stay (with friends or family).

<u>Livestock:</u> Begin livestock evacuation after an Evacuation Alert is issued but before an Evacuation Order is declared. If farmers self-evacuate or move animals prior to the Evacuation Alert, they are not eligible for reimbursement. For more information, visit the Ministry of Agriculture at www.agf.gov.bc.ca/emergency.

<u>Neighbour helping neighbour:</u> Check on elderly, disabled, or non-English speaking neighbours to ensure they are aware of the situation or to determine if they need your assistance.

WHAT TO DO DURING AN EVACUATION

- Follow instructions issued by emergency personnel
- Put family suitcases in the vehicle
- Ensure all pets and supplies are with you
- Lock doors and windows
- Do not drive or walk through moving water. Water can be deeper than it appears.
- Use the prescribed evacuation route provided by emergency personnel at the time of the event; do not take shortcuts, as you may end up in a blocked or dangerous area
- Proceed to the Check Points identified by emergency personnel at the time of the event; even if
 you do not require their assistance, you must check in and advise how authorities can contact
 you about your property, if necessary.
- Notify in-town and out-of-town friends, relatives and employers that you have safely evacuated and provide a contact number this reduces the number of calls placed to the Emergency Call Centre by people searching for loved ones.