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Evacuation Alerts Rescinded for New Remo, Old Remo, Dutch Valley and Usk

Flood Update:

The Flood Watch issued by the Provincial River forecast centre was lifted and the risk of flooding has decreased significantly, due to this, **the RDKS is rescinding Evacuation Alerts for Old Remo, New Remo, Dutch Valley and Usk.** https://www.rdks.bc.ca/government/news/flooding events 2022.

The RDKS Emergency Operations Centre will remain at a Level 1. The RDKS will continue to monitor the rivers and river forecast centre.

Freshet season can see rapid changes in water levels and residents across the RDKS are asked to be vigilant around moving water. This includes those residents living along the Stikine, Nass, Bulkley, Kalum, Skeena and other rivers and creeks in the RDKS.

What to do after a Flood:

At this time residents and businesses in areas which have experienced flooding should consult Recovering after a flood - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca). Remember that a well may become contaminated during a flood. Contact your local health authority for information about testing your drinking water if you are on a well or a private surface water system. Do not drink the water until it has been tested and is safe. Please contact a Health Protection Officer at 250-565-7322. As well please see this provincial government document regarding sewage systems and flooding: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/keeping-bc-healthy-safe/health-emergency-response/sewage_systems_and_flooding.pdf

Sandbag disposal:

Remove sandbags when there is no longer a risk of flooding. Sandbags that have come in contact with flood waters can be contaminated and pose a risk to your safety.

When disposing of sandbags:

- Wear gloves and boots to protect yourself from scrapes and contaminants.
- If your sandbag has been in contact with flood waters or if you suspect that sandbags have come into contact with industrial waste, fuel, oil or other chemicals, dispose your sandbags at permitted waste handling facilities.
- Sand from used sandbags should not be used in sandboxes, playgrounds or other areas where it will be in contact with people.

Approved by EOC Director:

You can reuse clean, dry and filled sandbags at other flood sites for up to six months.

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During Office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 250-615-6100 or toll free 1-800-663-3208

After hours Provincial Emergency Coordination call number: 1-800-663-3456