

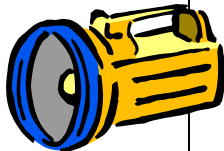
DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT?

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

Preparing An Emergency Survival Kit:

Everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves and their families for at least 3 days. Your easy-to-carry emergency survival kit (in case you have to evacuate) should include:

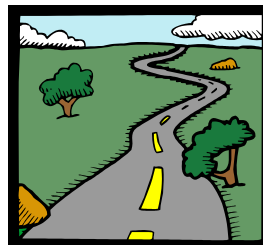
- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery operated/crank radio
- Water (4 L per person per day)
- Non perishable food
- Toilet paper and personal items
- Candles and matches
- Extra clothing and footwear
- Blankets and/or sleeping bags
- Medication
- First-aid kit
- Whistle and cash



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

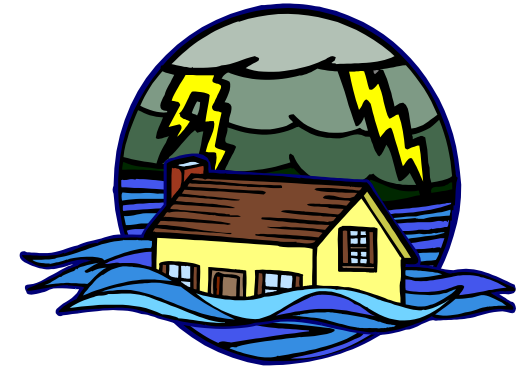
If authorities ask you to leave your home, they have a good reason for making that request and you should heed their advice immediately.

- Listen to local radio / TV
- Wear long sleeve shirts, pants and sturdy shoes to protect 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



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 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 and Civil Protection Act*, the Emergency Management Office has completed a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) to establish a risk profile for the community. Flooding has been identified as a potential hazard in areas of the community.

This brochure will provide you with information to help protect you and your family should a flood occur in your area.



FLOOD WARNINGS



The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority forecasts where and when flooding is likely to occur and issuing flood warnings.

FLOOD ADVISORY

The potential for flooding exists within specific watercourses and municipalities.

FLOOD WARNING

High flows are expected throughout the watershed region and there is a high potential for flooding.

FLOOD SAFETY BULLETIN

Unsafe lake, river, and stream conditions exist.

The public will be able to receive additional information through the media in the event of a Flood Advisory or Flood Warning which may include public action directives or 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 BULETIN 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

When a **FLOOD ADVISORY** or **FLOOD WARNING** is issued, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Public Information Line is **705-424-1479**, pick "1" for the flood information line or check their web site at www.nvca.on.ca: