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## **Emergency Preparedness Week**

May 3-9 is Emergency Preparedness Week in Canada and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is reminding people to be prepared for potential emergencies in their area, such as flooding. Floods can have a significant effect on people and property. It's important to know what to do to reduce the impact of flooding on your home.

As part of Emergency Preparedness Week, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George offers the following suggestions to people living in areas prone to seasonally high water.

- Keep an emergency kit on hand with enough supplies to sustain you and your family for 72 hours
- Put weather protection sealant around basement windows and the base of ground-level doors
- Install the drainage for downspouts a sufficient distance from your residence to ensure that water moves away from the building
- Consider installing a sump pump and zero reverse flow valves in basement floor drains
- Ensure driveway culverts are clear of debris to permit water flow
- Ensure the ground around your home slopes away from the home
- Fill any low laying ground areas on your property during the summer months

For more information about what you can do to prepare yourself for an emergency, visit the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George website at [www.rdffg.bc.ca](http://www.rdffg.bc.ca)

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