

What to do during a flood

- Listen to your radio. Important instructions for your safety and information on the situation will be broadcasted.
- Sign up to receive alerts from Alberta Emergency Alert. Visit www.emergencyalert.alberta.ca for more information.
- If you are requested to leave the area, do so immediately and follow instructions issued by your municipal officials.
- Remember your neighbours, particularly the elderly. They may need your help or the assistance of municipal emergency services.
- Stay out of the flooded area until the municipal authority gives permission to return.
- Barricades are placed on roads for your protection. If you encounter a barricade, go another way.
- Avoid standing water. It may be electrically charged from ground or downed power lines.
- Do not attempt to drive over a flooded road. You could be stranded. Floodwaters can conceal debris or areas where the road has eroded. The ground underneath will probably be slippery.
- Watch for damaged roads, loose or downed wires and fallen objects on the road.
- Do not drive through water unless you are certain the road is safe and the water is no higher than the wheels of your vehicle. Proceed slowly to avoid splashing water on the engine and stalling it. When emerging from water, drive carefully because wet brakes do not work well.
- If your car stalls in rising waters, get out immediately and make your way to higher ground.
- Do not attempt to cross a flowing stream. You can be swept off your feet by only 15 centimetres (six inches) of moving water.
- Whether in a car or on foot, avoid areas prone to flash flooding.
- Do not phone the emergency management office, police or fire department unless you need help or are calling on behalf of others requiring assistance. Your radio will keep you informed.
- Do not attempt search and rescue operations on your own.

For more information on hazards in Alberta, contact your municipality's Director of Emergency Management or the Alberta Emergency Management Agency at 780-422-9000 (Dial 310-0000 for toll-free access outside Edmonton) or visit www.aema.alberta.ca