

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)

JOINT INFORMATION RELEASE

EOC Update: Atmospheric weather event, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, 11:30 am

Regional partners, including Lower Similkameen Indian Band (LSIB), Upper Similkameen Indian Band (USIB), Town of Princeton, Village of Keremeos, and Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) continue to monitor weather conditions across the region.

There are no new updates at this time.

The next update is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025, at 10:00 am unless conditions change.

Acknowledgements

The RDOS EOC and regional partners, extend sincere gratitude for the incredible efforts of the Princeton Fire Department, Hedley Fire Department, Okanagan Falls Fire Department, Erris Fire Department, Keremeos Fire Department, Tulameen Fire Department, and the Pineview Fire Protection Society in supporting the Tulameen Fire Department and the Town of Princeton in the sandbagging operations on Monday, Dec. 15.

The RDOS EOC and regional partners, would also like to thank the Princeton Ground Search and Rescue, community members, Hubday employees, and the Princeton Posse for their extraordinary efforts. This action showed the dedication and collaboration that keeps the region resilient in challenging times. The time, energy, and commitment brought to this effort is immensely appreciated.

Emergencies are a stressful time for everyone and there is support available. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please don't hesitate to call the RDOS EOC at 250-490-4225. Staff will connect you with local resources.

You can also call **BC Mental Health & Crisis Response**: 310-6789 (no area code required).

Current Evacuation Orders and Alerts

Town of Princeton

- **Evacuation Alert** – [Town of Princeton – Parts of Corina Avenue, Allison Flats and Downtown Princeton](#)
- **Evacuation Alert** – [Town of Princeton – Properties between the Similkameen River and Highway 3, including the 'Tunnel Area', Burton Avenue, & Waterfront Avenue](#)



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RDOS

- **Evacuation Order** - one (1) property - Atmospheric River Flooding - Electoral Area "B" (Lower Similkameen) Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, 6:00 pm
- **Evacuation Order** - two (2) properties - Atmospheric River Flooding - Electoral Area "H" (Rural Princeton) Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, 6:00 pm
- **Evacuation Order** - Atmospheric River Flooding, Princeton Municipal Campground, Dec. 11, 10:00 am
- **Evacuation Alert** - Atmospheric River Flooding, Community of San Ang, Electoral Area "H" Rural Princeton, Dec. 11, 11:00 am
- **Evacuation Alert** - Flooding Event, Electoral Area "H", Dec. 11, 2025, 02:00 am
- **Evacuation Alert** - Flooding Event, Tulameen & Otter Lake, Dec. 10, 2025, 11:50 pm
- **Evacuation Alert** - Potential Flooding Event, Eastgate, Dec. 10, 2025, 5:00 pm

Visit the interactive map to view current evacuation areas and sand and sandbag locations:
emergency.rdos.bc.ca

Sand and sandbag locations

- USIB site off Daly Avenue in Hedley
- Tulameen and District Fire Hall
- Eastgate Fire Hall
- San Ang (east of Princeton near Taylor Mills Road)
- Princeton Fire Hall, Corina Avenue, Burton Avenue at the Dog Park
- Princeton Fire Hall and Corina Avenue
- Keremeos Highway 3A and 1st Avenue

The RDOS and regional partners maintain sand and sandbags and can provide supplies to communities as requested.

Emergency Operations Centre staff are coordinating response efforts and maintaining the status of Evacuation Alerts and Orders in advance of further precipitation and snowmelt. These steps are being taken out of an abundance of caution as the situation continues to evolve.

Emergency Support Services (ESS) volunteers are standing by to assist if needed. ESS is a provincial program, and local governments are required to have teams in place to support residents if they are required to leave their property due to an Evacuation Order.

Residents and visitors are reminded to monitor official sources for the latest updates, including the location of Reception Centres if sites are activated. In the meantime, residents on Evacuation Alert or Order are encouraged to self-register at ess.gov.bc.ca.

Landslides and rockslides are impacting several roads and highways across the province, and residents



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and visitors are reminded to use caution around fast-flowing bodies of water and when travelling on roads and highways. Watch for crews and first responders. Check [DriveBC](#) for the latest updates.

Visit the River Forecast Centre website to view current warnings and advisories:
bcrfc.env.gove.bc.ca/warnings

Monitor official sources for the latest updates, including [Environment and Climate Change Canada](#).

Cold weather

Be safe when the weather turns cold. Be aware of cold advisories in the region, and how cold impacts health. To learn more, visit interiorhealth.ca.

Emergency notifications

Please visit your local government website for local information about notifications.

[Click here](#) to register for routine and emergency notifications from the RDOS via email, text, or telephone. You can find a link to Voyent Alert! on the RDOS website at rdos.bc.ca.

For further information, please call the RDOS EOC at **250-490-4225**.

Lower Similkameen Indian Band Duty Phone: **877-418-4631**

Upper Similkameen Indian Band: **250-292-8733**

Town of Princeton: **250-295-3135**

Village of Keremeos: **250-499-2711**

In the case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

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Background:

BC River Forecast Centre Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

A **High Streamflow Advisory** means that river levels are rising or expected to rise rapidly, but that no major flooding is expected. Fast-flowing bodies of water increase risk to life safety. Minor flooding in low-lying areas is possible.

A **Flood Watch** means that river levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers may occur.

A **Flood Warning** means that river levels have exceeded bankfull or will exceed bankfull imminently, and that flooding of areas adjacent to the rivers affected will result.

