

# EVACUATION

- Follow instructions given by local emergency authorities when evacuating;
- Register at the evacuation center before evacuating, and at the reception center once you have arrived at your destination;
- Baggage restrictions may apply, be prepared to limit yourself to one bag per person;
- Make preparations for your pets in case you are required to leave them behind;
- Host communities provide temporary accommodations for evacuees, this could mean staying in an evacuation shelter, a school or staying with friends or relatives;
- Meals may be catered or evacuees may be provided with meal vouchers for the duration of their stay; and
- Regular information sessions will be held for evacuees at a designated location, typically being the reception center or municipal offices.

## Evacuation Kit

The length of an evacuation can be unpredictable, however evacuees should be prepared for at least seven days. Your evacuation kit should include the following items: appropriate clothing for season, all necessary medication, infant care items, personal items (toiletries, cash, credit cards, cell phone, etc.), personal identification and important documents.



**For more information visit the following websites:**

[www.maca.gov.nt.ca](http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca)

[www.GetPrepared.ca](http://www.GetPrepared.ca)

[www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)

Don't forget to check your community website or office for public safety information.



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Not all surprises are welcome.  
Emergencies strike quickly and  
without warning.

# PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES: FLOODS



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**BE READY.**

# FLOODING IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The risk of flooding is high for a number of communities in the NWT. Most flooding occurs along the Mackenzie River and other waterways as a result of ice jams during the spring break-up period.

Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility.

Residents are responsible to be prepared and to take reasonable measures to protect their property from the damaging effects of floods.

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## BE PREPARED: BEFORE THE FLOOD

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- Make a household emergency plan and kit;
- Prepare to evacuate bringing only essential items;
- Ensure that fuel tanks, water tanks and sewage tanks are secured so that they don't float away or get damaged;
- Shut off all power to your home;
- Unplug your electrical appliances; and
- Secure belongings stored in and around the house and on your property out of harms way.

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## STAY INFORMED: DURING THE FLOOD

- Contact your community government to find out flood risk information;
- Listen to local radio stations and check weather for warnings;
- Be familiar with your community plan and know where your community's reception center is located; and
- Evacuate when notified by authorities.

## STAY SAFE: AFTER THE FLOOD

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- Return home only when authorities say it is safe;
- Check with authorities on safety of water supply;
- Be aware, food left in your home may be spoiled or contaminated;
- Disinfect everything that may have gotten wet to sanitize and control mold growth;
- Use caution when driving as roads may be unsafe; and
- Use caution near downed power lines and flooded areas.

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**If you are impacted by flooding you may be eligible for financial assistance. To determine eligibility or for additional information, contact the MACA Superintendent for your Region.**

