EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)

JOINT INFORMATION RELEASE

EOC Update: Atmospheric weather event, Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, 11:00 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.

There is no scheduled next update. Updates will be shared as new information becomes available.

Current Evacuation Orders and Alerts

Town of Princeton

• No current evacuation alerts or orders. Evacuation alerts were rescinded December 17, 2025.

RDOS

- 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
- Evacuation Order one (1) property Atmospheric River Flooding Electoral Area "B" (Lower Similkameen) Thursday, Dec. 11, 2025, 6:00 pm

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).

Click here to view Wellness Resources from Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) and Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC).

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



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- San Ang (east of Princeton near Taylor Mills Road)
- Princeton Fire Hall and Corina Avenue
- Keremeos Highway 3A and 1st Avenue

The RDOS maintains sand and sandbags and can provide supplies to communities as requested.

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 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.

