

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS



PREPARE YOURSELF FOR SHORELINE FLOODING



PREPARE YOUR HOME

- ✓ Make sure your basement is waterproofed and your sump pump is working.
- ✓ Install a battery-operated or water-powered back up in case of power failure.
- ✓ Contact the Town to learn about sandbags and other preventative programs available.
- ✓ Clear gutters and drains.
- ✓ Move furniture, valuables and important documents to a safe place.
- ✓ Consider contracting an engineer to discuss options to protect your home.

CHECK YOUR INSURANCE

- ✓ Know your insurance policy and what it covers.
- ✓ Know what your deductible is.
- ✓ Take photos and videos to compile household inventory.
- ✓ Keep records of all major household items and valuables.
- ✓ Keep your insurance papers in your 72 hour emergency kit.

Shoreline Flooding a Real Threat

Plan ahead. In the event that the Town issues an evacuation order for your area, have a plan and know ahead of time. In these uncertain times, it is not advisable to gather evacuees in a shelter where COVID-19 could spread.



Where will you stay



What will you bring



Where will you park your car



What will you do with your pet

The Town of Amherstburg remains in an enhanced monitoring position regarding the potential for overland flooding due to high water levels on Lake Erie, Detroit River, Big Creek, River Canard and other connected waterways.

In the event of an evacuation

It is up to you to protect you and your loved ones. In an emergency, calls are prioritized and assistance may be delayed or not available. If you are ordered to evacuate, an evacuation route will be provided by emergency services. If you choose to ignore the evacuation recommendation, we may not be able to get to you in a timely fashion. If you or a loved one are mobility challenged or have special medical needs, your plan should take into account extra time and requirements you may need to self evacuate.

Electrical Safety Information

There is a heightened risk of electric shock when water makes contact with electrical systems that could seriously injure or kill you.

When flooding has occurred:

- Do not enter your basement if you know or suspect water has risen above the level of electrical outlets, baseboard heaters, furnace, power cords, or is near your electrical panel. Electricity can move through water or wet flooring and cause electrical shock.
- In the event that flood water has risen above outlets, baseboard heaters, or your furnace, covers power cords, or is near the electrical panel, contact a licensed electrician or your local electrical utility immediately and arrange for them to disconnect power to your home.
- Watch out for downed power lines in flooded areas. If you see one, stay out of the water and back at least 10 meters and call 911.

For more information: hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety 1-800-434-1235 or essexpowerlines.ca/ 519-737-6640

Natural Gas Safety Information

For your safety, Enbridge Gas representatives will shut off customers' natural gas supply in affected areas where gas meters can be safely accessed. Workers do not need to enter homes or businesses to do this. If you smell natural gas or detect other signs of a gas leak, please take the following steps:

1. Prevent sources of ignition. Do not touch electrical switches, light candles, or use a landline phone.
2. Exit the building immediately.
3. From a safe area, phone Enbridge Gas at 1-877-969-0999 or 911.
4. Do not re-enter the building until it has been inspected. Do not attempt to relight appliances.

For more information visit: uniongas.com/about-us/safety/flood

Types of Flood Warnings

Watershed Conditions/ Safety Bulletin

Factors could be dangerous, but flooding is not expected.

Flood Outlook

Early notice of flooding potential based on weather forecasts.

Flood Watch

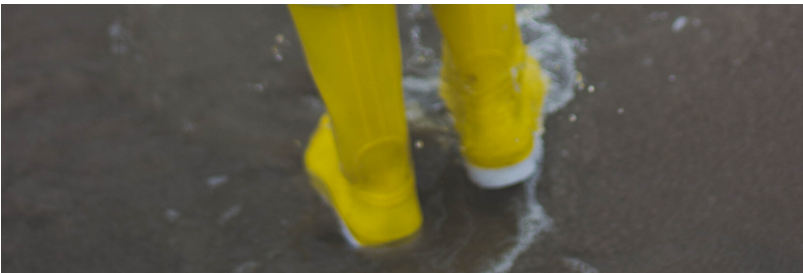
Potential for flooding with specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, EMS and landowners in flood-prone areas should be prepared.

Flood Warning

Flooding is imminent or is occurring in specific watercourses or municipalities.

To check flood warnings status, visit:

erca.org/flood-status



✓ Register for Amherstburg ALERT.

Amherstburg ALERT is an excellent notification system to provide information on fires, evacuation, boil water advisories, etc. Alerts can notify you via text, call or email or all three!

✓ Prepare a 72 hour Emergency Preparedness Kit

Every household should have an emergency survival kit that is considerate of the unique needs of your family. It should contain supplies to keep your family safe for 3 days or more.

To register for Amherstburg ALERT & learn more about EMERGENCY KITS, amherstburgfire.com.

Contact Town of Amherstburg

Phone: 519-736-0012

Email: inquiry@amherstburg.ca

Emergency: 911

*When there is an emergency response, phones & emails may not be monitored. Refer to website & social media for updates.

Visit amherstburg.ca, choose the "Emergency Preparedness" button to view Town of Amherstburg's Emergency Preparedness guides.

Stay Informed

- Know the flood risk in your area.
- Monitor your property and adjacent waterways.
- Monitor local news for updates: AM800, Blackburn, CBC, CTV, Windsor Star, River Town Times
- Monitor Amherstburg social media for updates.



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Sandbags

Sandbags are available to homes in the floodplain area, by appointment only, at the Public Works Department, 512 Sandwich Street South.

To schedule an appointment call:

Public Works Department

519-736-3664

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm.

Sand is available at Public Works South Yard, 6744 Concession 6 south. Please bring your own shovel and remember to maintain physical distance at all times. One car per sand pile. Sandbags work best when half full.

