



## Emergency Preparedness and Planning Emergency Preparedness Survey

### **Flood Information**

Water is an essential part of life. We use it for drinking, cooking and bathing, making it a necessity in the home. However, taking its power for granted is the reason many fall victim to its dangers. If it is not controlled, water can be very dangerous. The best way to avoid the dangers that water brings is to be prepared!

During the late winter and early spring, we see a lot of movement in the waters surrounding us and that means a higher risk of flooding. Whether it is your floor, your whole basement or your whole street, floods are one of the most common hazards during this time of year.

What can you do to prepare yourself in case of flooding? Contact the Community Protection Unit for more information, visit the Emergency Planning and Preparedness website at [www.kahnawake.com/beprepared](http://www.kahnawake.com/beprepared) or try to follow the steps below. These tips will not protect you from a flood, but just by you being prepared, they may prevent a worst-case scenario from occurring.

#### **Household Flooding**

- Ensure you have a proper working sump pump
- Ensure your drains are clean
- Keep your rain gutters clear of any debris
- Ensure you have proper plumbing devices (backflow valves)
- Make sure you are properly insured for flooding
- Move furniture and keepsakes to higher levels of the house
- Have a back-up power supply for your sump pump should the power go out
- Keep snow away from the foundation of the house when clearing your driveway

#### **Community Flooding**

- Ensure you have a 72 hour emergency kit ready in case you need to evacuate
- Never walk through flowing flood waters. As little as 6" of water can sweep you off your feet
- Never drive a vehicle through flood waters. Your tires will act as a flotation device
- Make yourself aware of your community evacuation route. If you need to evacuate, you can follow the routes specified by officials
- Ensure your family knows of a meeting place. Register your name with the reception center so that your family can find you

#### **Following all floods**

- Clean the affected area as soon as possible.
- Ensure electrical equipment is not damaged and there is no risk of electrical shock.
- Be extra cautious of mold when cleaning. Use protective masking and gloves if you notice mold.
- Ensure that your home is still structurally safe.
- Check with local health officials about the quality of your potable water and ensure recommendations are followed through.

This information is brought to you by **Emergency Preparedness and Planning** of the Community Protection Unit. We value the safety of our children, our families and our community.

For more information on how you can protect yourself in case of an emergency, call the Community Protection Unit at (450) 632-0635, or visit us online at [www.kahnawake.com/beprepared](http://www.kahnawake.com/beprepared) .