

Preparing for freeze up

If your property floods, you will need to take a number of actions before temperatures start dropping below freezing.

Preparing your previously flooded property for freeze up can help prevent long term damage and ensure your family stays healthy. These steps include monitoring their sump pumps and septic systems.

Tips for sump pumps

- Avoid running your sump pump when there is ice in the sump. The pumps will have difficulty pushing any frozen water, and could burn out the pump. If icing occurs turn off the pump and drain the discharge hose. Resume pumping operations when ice melts.
- If your sump is in a heated basement with a solid discharge pipe that is buried 12 cms below the frost line, you may continue to run your sump pump.
- Think about having a pumping schedule. Run the pump during the day, and plan to drain and turn off your pump at night.



Tips for septic systems

- Have your system inspected by waste water experts and see how the high water has affected it.
- Have waste water experts inspect the ground water around your system.
- Excess water should be pumped out of the septic fields and septic tanks to ease the pressure on the system due to the rise in the water table.

Email flooding@yukon.ca or call 867-332-7084 for additional information.