

July 22, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

The Emergency Measures Organization and Water Resources Branch are working closely to monitor water levels across the Yukon and provide accurate information to communities.

There are evacuation alerts in effect for:
[areas of Lake Laberge, Tagish, Marsh Lake and Lewes River Road](#)

An evacuation order is in effect for:
[a property on Shallow Bay Road at Lake Laberge](#)

For more details about these evacuation alerts or orders, visit Yukon.ca/emergencies

The following advisories are in effect:

- [ENDED - High streamflow advisory for Yukon River at Carmacks \(issued July 21\)](#)
- [Flood warning for Southern Lakes \(issued July 16\)](#)
- [Flood warning for Lake Laberge \(issued July 16\)](#)
- [High streamflow advisory for Yukon River at Whitehorse \(issued July 5\)](#)
- [Boil water advisory for residents of Southern Lakes, Lake Laberge, Kusawa Lake and Takhini River areas \(issued July 7\)](#)
- [Boil water advisory for residents of Army Beach and South M'Clintock with private wells or underground water storage tanks \(issued July 7\)](#)
- [Boil water advisory for residents of Carmacks with private wells \(issued June 25\)](#)

The following areas are closed:

- Carcross pedestrian bridge
- Riverside boardwalks and River Drive in Carmacks
- Marsh Lake Recreation Site (Army Beach) including the parking lot, pedestrian bridge and tenting sites
- Conrad Historic Site
- Parts of the Marsh Lake campground, including sites 10 to 15
- Tagish Campground
- Jackfish Bay Road is open to local traffic only

Extended hours at Waste Management Facilities:

Waste Management Facilities are now open 7 days per week in the Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge. The operating hours for specific facilities are:

- Marsh Lake: Mon-Tue from 6:30 am to 2:30 pm; Wed-Sun from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Carcross: 7 days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tagish: 7 days per week from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Deep Creek: 7 days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Safety messages:

- The Yukon government is recommending local traffic only in all flood impacted areas to ensure public and responder safety and minimize any interference with flood mitigation efforts.
- No boat wakes within 200 metres of the shore as they undermine flood mitigation efforts.
- Stay clear of fast-flowing rivers and potentially unstable riverbanks.
- Be aware of river dangers, including elevated water levels, dangerous currents and increased debris.
- Talk to children about the risks posed by fast flowing rivers and high water levels.
- Do not swim or wade in areas with dangerous currents and uncertainties, such as areas along the Yukon River in Whitehorse, the bridge in Carcross and beach on Bennett Lake.

Volunteer opportunities:

Yukoners looking to volunteer their time to support the government's flood response can go to any of the sandbagging stations in Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge areas. Here's what you need to know:

- Sandbagging stations are accessible 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- You do not need to register or check-in when you arrive. Go when you can, for as long as you can.
- Bring a shovel and supplies to be self-sufficient on-site. Remember to bring water!
- Teams of two work best – one person to hold the bag open, the other to shovel sand into the bag.
- Only fill the sandbags 60 percent full to facilitate placement.
- Respect COVID-19 rules and maintain physical distancing.

Find locations on the Southern Lakes flooding map: yukon.ca/emergencies

There are active flood responses underway across Yukon:

Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge

An Incident management team (IMT) is on-site and is maintaining a response to the affected areas:

- There are evacuation alerts in effect for [areas of Lake Laberge, Tagish, Marsh Lake and the Lewes River Road](#).
- There is an evacuation order in effect for [a property on Shallow Bay Road at Lake Laberge](#).
- Water levels on Bennett Lake, Tagish Lake, and Marsh Lake are approximately 9, 4, and 14 centimetres above 2007 levels, respectively.
- Lake Laberge dropped about 1 centimetre, and is 36 centimetres above 2007 levels.
- More than 200 personnel, 12 pieces of heavy duty equipment and 6 sandbagging machines are actively engaged in the flood response.
- An IMT from Alberta is in Yukon for a 2-week period, taking over from the Saskatchewan-based IMT.
- 100 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel remain in Yukon committed to the flood response.
- Approximately 13,300 sandbags and 250 superbags are currently being filled per day, in addition to the thousands filled by residents and volunteers.
- City of Whitehorse is releasing 2, 4-inch pumps to be deployed in Marsh Lake and Lake Laberge.
- Filled sandbags from the Hootalinqua station and Carcross station are being deployed to both Tagish and Marsh Lake area. The IMT will leave sandbags at both stations that property owners will still be able to access.
- CAF troops have deployed in support of Helen's fish camp in Jack Fish Bay to help strengthen the berm as well as assist with other operational work.



- Work continues on the superberm along Jackfish Bay Road; crews have set up pumps on the road, pumping water out to allow access to residents.
- Personnel from the flood IMT have been conducting wellness checks to the residents on Sawmill Road. Water levels are impeding road access for many residents further up that road. Residents are getting around it by boat or ATV over trails.
- Crews are working to reinforce and strengthen existing berms at Army Beach. Ground water assessments continue and additional sump pumps are being deployed.
- Superbags are being deployed to high priority properties in South M'Clintock. Existing superbag berms at specific lots are being reinforced and pumps are being installed in impacted areas.
- Sump pumps have been deployed to properties on Shallow Bay Road and ATCO is engaged in safety assessments. The IMT continues to assess properties in Deep Creek and provide support where needed.
- Work continues on a superberm being constructed along the highway in Tagish. Crews are also building a horseshoe dyke on one of the high priority properties.
- In Carcross, mitigation efforts are being led by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation. The pedestrian bridge in the area is closed due to safety concerns. Filled sandbags are being shipped out to Marsh Lake and Tagish from the Carcross sandbag station.
- Flood information sheets are posted on bulletin boards at all sandbag stations, including a sign-up sheet for residents who require volunteer assistance. To find the location of sandbag stations, check out the Southern Lakes flood information map here: yukon.ca/emergencies

Affected property owners can contact the Flood Information officer at 867-332-7084 or email flooding@yukon.ca

Carmacks

The incident has officially been transferred from the IMT to the Village of Carmacks:

- The high streamflow advisory for the Yukon River at Carmacks has ended.
- A boil water advisory remains in place and two homes are under boil order.

For more flood information in the Village of Carmacks contact: 867-863-6271.

Other areas being monitored:

Whitehorse

The City of Whitehorse has activated its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), located at 305 Range Road in the Public Safety Building:

- City of Whitehorse crews continue their mobilization efforts along the Yukon River this week.
- As water levels continue to stabilize in the area, crews will begin placing over 100 superbags to raise a low section of the river bank in the Marwell subdivision.
- City officials are also closely monitoring the area of Waterfront Place closest to the river, and preparing for a possible flooding scenario.
- Members of the public are asked to keep their distance from the edge of the Yukon River at all times, as some areas may be unstable and dangerous.

For flood information within Whitehorse city limits, contact the City of Whitehorse at 867-393-8444, IOC.PublicInfo@whitehorse, or visit www.whitehorse.ca/flood.