

July 26, 2021 at 4:00 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:

- [High streamflow advisory for Yukon River at Whitehorse is being maintained \(issued July 23\)](#)
- [Flood warning for Southern Lakes \(issued July 16\)](#)
- [Flood warning for Lake Laberge \(issued July 16\)](#)
- [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:

- Jackfish Bay Road (*will re-open July 27)
- 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

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:

- A large quantity of debris is now entering Yukon water systems affected by flooding. Boaters should be aware.
- 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 and Marsh Lake are approximately 3.5, and 9.5 centimetres above peak 2007 levels, respectively. Water level on Tagish Lake is now approximately 1.5 centimetres below peak 2007 level.
- Lake Laberge continues to drop, and is approximately 28 centimetres above peak 2007 level.
- The IMT from Alberta has taken over from the Saskatchewan IMT and will be in Yukon until August 4.
- Approximately 100 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel remain in Yukon committed to the flood response.
- A central sandbagging station is expected to be established early this week in Whitehorse and to be operational by Wednesday.
- Work to raise Jackfish Bay Road began this morning and is expected to be finished by early evening. This will prevent further flooding on the road and give residents better access to their properties.
- The ring dyke at Helen's Fish Camp on Lake Laberge has been completed and monitoring is on-going.
- A section of the berm at Army Beach that had been compromised by erosion has been repaired. Sections of the early berm structures in the area have been reinforced and secured while others will continue to be shored up.



- New pumps have been installed in some locations of Army Beach while others have been replaced.
- Several areas along the berm in South M'Clintock require an increase in height as per recommendations so work will continue this week.
- Clean-up of extra material and debris in some areas of Army Beach and South M'Clintock is ongoing.
- CAF personnel will be assisting the Carcross/Tagish First Nation with mitigation efforts in Carcross this week.
- The Carcross pedestrian bridge remains closed due to safety concerns.
- Prepwork to reinforce the water station in Tagish will start today. Work on the Horseshoe dyke is ongoing.
- ATCO is engaged in safety assessments in Shallow Bay. The IMT continues to assess properties in Deep Creek and provide support where needed.
- 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:

- 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 officials continue to closely monitor the Yukon River this week.
- As water levels continue to slowly decrease, the potential for flooding diminishes as well. City crews are on standby and ready to respond at a moment's notice.
- 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.