

Yukon PUBLIC FLOOD UPDATE

July 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.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.

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The following advisories are in effect:

- [A flood warning for the Yukon River at Carmacks](#)
- [A flood warning for Southern Lakes](#)
- [A flood warning for Lake Laberge](#)
- [A flood watch for Kusawa Lake and Takhini River](#)
- [A high streamflow advisory for Yukon River at Whitehorse](#)
- [A boil water advisory for residents of Army Beach and South M'Clintock with private wells](#)
- [A boil water advisory for residents of Carmacks who are on well systems](#)
- [A boil water advisory for residents of Southern Lakes, Lake Laberge, Kusawa Lake and Takhini River areas](#)

The following areas are closed:

- 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

Safety messages

- Don't make 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 elevated river danger, including dangerous currents and increased debris.
- Talk to children about the risks posed by fast flowing rivers and high water levels.
- Do not swim in areas with dangerous currents and uncertainties, such as 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 about 60 percent full.
- Respect COVID-19 rules and maintain physical distancing.

Locations: yukon.ca/en/emergencies-and-safety/floods/take-steps-keep-yourself-and-your-property-safe-floods

Flood prone property owners are advised to have a plan in place in the event of a flood. Visit Yukon.ca/floods to learn about how you can prepare for potential flooding and prevent flood damage to your home.

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There are active flood responses underway across Yukon:

Carmacks

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

- 15 properties on River Drive and Lower Bench are being monitored for impact.
- Water levels continue to drop one to two inches daily and have receded by almost eight inches from the high water mark.
- A boil water advisory is in place and two homes are under boil order. Water testing is ongoing for River Drive and Lower Bench properties.

Affected property owners can contact Incident Commander at 867-863-2408 or email flooding@yukon.ca.

Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge

An IMT is on-site, responding to the most at risk properties and monitoring all other affected areas.

- There is an evacuation alert in effect for [areas of Marsh Lake and the Lewes River Road](#).
- All of the Southern Lakes and Lake Laberge have now surpassed 2007 flood levels. Access roads and some properties are being affected. The IMT is prioritizing high risk areas.
- More than 60 Government of Yukon personnel are actively engaged with the incident. A relief incident management team from Saskatchewan is arriving today. In addition, seven Manitoba flood specialists and approximately 100 members of the Canadian Armed Forces are on the ground to support mitigation efforts.
- Crews are putting protections (berms, barriers, dykes and sump holes and pumps) in high priority areas in Tagish, Army Beach, South M'Clintock Road, Bayview Road, Carcross and throughout Marsh Lake.
- Sandbags were distributed to at-risk homes in Carcross and debris collecting at the railway bridge was assessed. Carcross' superbag berm is almost complete.
- A staging area was set up in Tagish at the Community Centre and home assessments are ongoing.
- The IMT is tacking progress in Deep Creek at Lake Laberge and advising property owners of next steps based on flood specialists' advice.
- More than 500,000 sandbags and 7,500 super bags have been deployed so far in the response. Another 500,000 sand bags and 2,000 super bags have been ordered.
- There are now 8 sandbagging stations available to residents. To view the locations, check out the Southern Lakes flood information map here: yukon.ca/emergencies

Affected property owners can reach the Public Information Officer at 867-332-7084 or email flooding@yukon.ca.

Teslin

The [high water advisory has ended for Teslin Lake](#).

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. Based on their news release, their current assessment of the situation concludes this is not an emergency and they are taking these steps out of an abundance of caution to be prepared in the event of flooding.

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.

Kusawa Lake

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