Register for Emergency Alerts: www.tecumsehalert.ca

The Tecumseh Emergency Alert system is used to provide information in times of emergency like floods, large fires, evacuation notices, boil water advisories etc. Add your contact information to make sure that you are included in all future tests and notifications.

You choose how you would like us to contact you:

text, cellphone, email and/or landline. Follow us on Social Media. @TownofTecumseh ① 2 www.tecumseh.ca/lakeflooding

Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) Types of Flood Warnings:

Essex Region Conservation Authority is the recognized authority for watershed information updates. They have developed a series of escalating precautionary public messages to advise residents of potential or imminent flooding conditions.

• Watershed Conditions/Safety Bulletin

Factors could be dangerous, but flooding is not expected.

Flood Outlook

Early notice of flooding potential based on weather forecasts.

• Flood Watch

Potential for flooding within specific shoreline reaches and along specific watercourses or municipalities. Municipalities, EMS and landowners in flood-prone areas should be prepared.

• Flood Warning

Flooding is imminent or is occurring in specific shoreline reaches and along specific watercourses or municipalities.

To check current flood warning status:

www.essexregionconservation.ca/flood-status

For information about ERCA's High Level Water Information and flood mapping:

www.essexregionconservation.ca /watershed-health/flood-forecasting/



PREPARE YOURSELF FOR OVERLAND FLOODING

The Town of Tecumseh is in an Enhanced Monitoring level regarding the potential for overland flooding due to high water levels on Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. You must plan ahead for self-evacuation. In the event that the Town of Tecumseh issues an evacuation order for your area, have a plan and know ahead of time:

- Where you will stay?
- What you will bring with you?
- Where you will park your car?
- What you will do with your pets?

72 Hour Emergency Kit

Everyone should have an emergency survival kit, with the supplies needed to be safe and take care of yourself and your family for at least three days. No two households are the same. When building your family emergency plan, be mindful of the special needs and considerations of individuals in your own household. By evaluating your unique needs, you can better prepare for any situation.

In these uncertain times it is not advisable to open reception centres where many people will be forced into restricted areas. Doing so could increase the spread of COVID-19. Plan now where you can go so that you and your loved ones can be as safe as possible.

www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-preparedness

In the Event of an Evacuation

It is up to you to protect yourself and your loved ones. In an emergency, calls are prioritized and assistance may be delayed or not available. If you choose to ignore the evacuation recommendation, emergency services may not be able to get to you in a timely fashion.

If you or a loved one has a mobility impairment or has special medical needs, your emergency plan should take into account extra time and requirements you may need.

We also encourage relatives, friends and neighbours of elderly, vulnerable or limited mobility residents to ensure that these individuals are receiving information, are prepared for an evacuation and have assistance to evacuate in the event of flooding.

Elderly, limited mobility or those with a medical condition who need assistance in an evacuation scenario are asked to call the Town of Tecumseh at 519-735-2184 Ext. 101 or Ext. 109 to register in advance for evacuation assistance.

Sandbags

200 sandbags are available free of charge for Tecumseh residents who live along the Lake St. Clair and Pike Creek shorelines. Sand is available at Lakewood Park south in the parking lot. Residents must bring their own shovels and fill the sandbags on their own.

Visit **www.ontario.ca/page/floods** for information about the proper way to sandbag.

As advised by the Windsor Essex County Health Unit, when filling sandbags, please keep a physical distance of 2 metres (6 feet) away from anyone else who may be filling sandbags.

Prepare Your Property

- Make sure your basement is waterproofed and your sump pump is working. Install a battery-operated or water-powered backup in case of power failure.
- Clear gutters and drains. Move furniture, valuables and important documents to a safe place.
- Consider procuring an engineer to discuss options to protect your home.

Electrical Safety

There is a heightened risk of electrical shock when water makes contact with electrical systems that could seriously injure or kill you.

When flooding has occurred:

- Do not enter your basement if you know or suspect water has risen above the level of electrical outlets, baseboard heaters, furnace, power cords, or is near your electrical panel. Electricity can move through water or wet flooring and cause electrical shock.
- In the event that flood water has risen above outlets, baseboard heaters, or your furnace, covers power cords, or is near the electrical panel, contact a licensed electrician or your local electric utility immediately and arrange for them to disconnect power to your home.
- Watch out for downed power lines in flooded areas. If you see one, stay out of the water and back at least 10 meters and call 911.

Natural Gas

For your safety, Enbridge Gas will shut off a customer's natural gas supply in affected areas where gas meters can be safely accessed. Workers do not need to enter homes or businesses to do this. If you smell natural gas or detect other signs of a gas leak, please take the following steps:

1. Prevent sources of ignition. Do not touch electrical switches, light candles, or use a landline phone.

2. Exit the building immediately.

3. From a safe area, call at 1-877-969-0999 or 911.

4. Do not re-enter the building until it has been inspected. Do not attempt to relight appliances.

www.uniongas.com/about-us/safety/flood