

Flood Preparedness

According to the Government of Canada's Get Prepared webpage, floods are the most frequent natural hazard in Canada. There are ways you can reduce the possibility of flooding to your property, and preparations you can make to ensure your safety in the event that your property does flood.

Preparing for a Flood:

To reduce the possibility of flooding to your property:

- Ensure the ground slopes away from your house and downspouts are extended away from the building envelope
- Ensure lot grading is maintained to convey water away from your house and neighbouring houses
- Ensure window wells are free draining and raised to prevent the overtopping of water
- For more information about managing stormwater, visit london.ca/living-london/water-environment/stormwater
- If you must store important documents or items in the basement, ensure they are elevated well above floor level in a water-resistant container
- Inspect your plumbing and drainage system regularly to ensure proper operation
- Consider installing additional features as required, such as a sump pump and backwater valve
- For more information about basement flooding and the Basement Flooding Grant Program, visit london.ca/living-london/water-environment/flooding

If Flooding is Imminent:

- Turn off your basement furnace
- Keep valuables and cleaning products elevated



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If Your Basement Floods:

- Do not enter your basement if water has come into contact with electrical outlets, baseboard heaters, the furnace and/or the electrical panel. For more information, visit london.ca/living-london/water-environment/flooding

If You Need To Evacuate:

- If an evacuation is ordered, leave your home. Staying may put your safety and others at risk
- Bring your emergency kit with you as you evacuate visit [London.ca/emergency](https://london.ca/emergency) for a list of items to keep in your emergency kit
- Do not cross flooded areas on foot or in a vehicle. The water can be much deeper than it appears, and fast flowing water, even if shallow, can sweep you away



DO NOT attempt to turn off your electricity if any water is present. Water and live electrical wires are an electrocution hazard. Leave your home immediately and inform authorities. Do not return until told it is safe.

After A Flood:

- Do not return home until authorities say it is safe to do so. This may include the need to complete an electrical inspection. For more information, call London Hydro or visit esasafe.com/safety/storm-safety/flood-safety



Wiring in flooded electrical appliances may be damaged. If so, they can short circuit and catch fire or give off an electrical shock. Make sure they are cleaned, dried and inspected by an electrician before use, or replace the items

- Watch for any dangerous flood debris, including sewage contamination and broken glass
- Call your home insurance company and seek guidance before returning to your home



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