

## Prepare Now.

Prepare your **emergency evacuation plan** and a **grab and go kit** in advance, to help you and everyone in your household act quickly in the event of an evacuation. Keep this guide in your kit or in a place where it can be found easily and review it annually.

## Make a Plan.

Visit [preparedbc.ca](http://preparedbc.ca) to help you prepare your own **emergency evacuation plan**.

## Make a Grab and Go Kit.

### List of items to take at the last minute:

- ☐ Wallet with identification, credit cards and cash
- ☐ House and vehicle keys
- ☐ Mobile phone and charger
- ☐ Glasses and contact lenses
- ☐ Medications, toiletries and personal hygiene items
- ☐ Mobility and medical devices (with written instructions if needed)

### Items to put in your evacuation grab and go kit:

- ☐ A supply of non-perishable food, snacks and bottled water for each person in your household
- ☐ A copy of your emergency plan, including contact numbers and reunification plan
- ☐ Copies of important documents (prescription records, birth certificates, passports, insurance and bank records)
- ☐ Change of clothing including warm clothing (hat, mittens) and blanket
- ☐ First aid kit, radio and basic tools
- ☐ Crank or battery-operated flashlight(s) or candles with matches
- ☐ **For Children:** diapers and wipes, clothing, snacks, activities and comfort items
- ☐ **For Pets:** food, collar with ID tag, leash or carrier, blanket, and toy.

## Be Ready for an Emergency

Visit [preparedbc.ca](http://preparedbc.ca) for resources on how to **make a plan**.

**Register** for community notifications today at [qathet.ca](http://qathet.ca)

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**Ambulance/First Responders/Medivac:**  
**250 248-3511**

**Report a Fire: 250 954-4432**

For more details about Emergency numbers please refer to [www.lasqueti.ca/emergency](http://www.lasqueti.ca/emergency)

### NO 911 SERVICE on Lasqueti!

 **Lasqueti Volunteer Fire Department**

**Fire Hall #1** Main Road; across from False Bay Elementary, beside Health Centre and Recycle Centre. *Approximately 1 km from False Bay.*

**Fire Hall #2** Main Road (South-East); *approximately 10 km down island from False Bay.*

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Find further information on the qathet Regional Emergency Program at **604 485-2260** or [emergency@qathet.ca](mailto:emergency@qathet.ca)



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# COMMUNITY EVACUATION GUIDE

- **PREPARE NOW**
- **KNOW WHAT TO DO**
- **KEEP INFORMED**



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## Lasqueti Island

Lasqueti Island is a remote and eclectic community of self-reliant year-round and seasonal residents conscientiously living off-grid. Located in the Georgia Strait between Texada Island and Vancouver Island, the 73.5 square kilometre island is accessed by foot-passenger ferry from French Creek Harbour on Vancouver Island to Lasqueti's False Bay Dock.

An emergency evacuation could be initiated on Lasqueti if a human-made or environmental hazard becomes a threat to the safety of residents and visitors. Most emergencies are small in scale, but some have the **potential to escalate quickly such as a wildfire**. It is crucial that **everyone understands the risk** and does their part to prevent fires.

Each household should have a means of transportation, either a personal vehicle or a ride-share with a family member or neighbour. There is no public transit, so **ensure your vehicle always has at least a half a tank of fuel** to get you where you need to go including the False Bay Dock.

The dedicated members of the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department regularly respond to fires and medical first responder incidents. **Lasqueti Island does NOT have a 911 emergency service**, please refer to the emergency numbers listed in this brochure. The closest BC Ambulance service and RCMP are located in Parksville and the nearest hospital is in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island.

### PREPARE AND SHARE YOUR PLAN

Take time with family, neighbours and guests to make and share **emergency evacuation plans**. Your plan should reflect the uniqueness of your home's location and identify at least **two options to get you and your household members to a safe location**. Refer to the included map for evacuation routes.

Make plans with friends or family members off island that can offer you and your household members accommodations or act as a contact point for family reunification. Keep the phone numbers and addresses of these locations handy. Make this relationship reciprocal by offering your support to others in the event of their evacuation.

## Know What to Do.



### BEFORE an Evacuation

- Prepare an **evacuation grab and go kit** now
- Develop a household **emergency evacuation plan** that includes how you will leave and where you will go
- Practice your plan at least once a year and update it as needed

### DURING an Evacuation

- Evacuation notification may be delivered by door-to-door notice, Community Notification System, emergency vehicle sirens or local radio broadcasts
- Follow instructions and advice of notifications and emergency responders to locate evacuation routes and safe locations within the timeframe specified
- Notify emergency responders if you or anyone in your household requires mobility assistance
- Prepare your home: Turn off and unplug all appliances. Lock up your home. If you have been instructed to do so, turn off all utilities at the main switches or valves including propane and water
- Take your grab and go kit and last minute items
- Take your pets and pet evacuation kit
- Refrain from using your phone except in case of an emergency. Leave the network open for emergency personnel use

### AFTER an Evacuation

- Register as an evacuee. Registration instructions will be announced in the evacuation notification including how to access supports
- Stay connected and informed of current evacuation situation and when it is safe to return
- Upon your return, inspect your home cautiously and check for damage and hazards
- Call your insurance company: Document damage with photos and written notes, keep records of clean up and repair costs, as well as, hotels, meals, and travel expenses
- Clean your home as recommended by health officials



## Keep Informed.



### Community Notification System

The Community Notification System can deliver critical, lifesaving notifications about an emergency by phone, email or text.

Register today at **qathet.ca**

Know the **THREE KINDS** of Notices:

**EVACUATION ALERT** tells you to prepare for an evacuation and be ready to leave on short notice.

**EVACUATION ORDER** tells you to evacuate immediately. This may happen in circumstances where there is little or no time to notify, or following an Evacuation Alert.

**SHELTER IN PLACE** tells you to take immediate shelter and stay in the home or building where you are.

### Reliable Sources of Local Information



#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: @EmergencyPRREP @CityPowellRiver

Facebook: @CityofPowellRiver @TlaaminNation

#### RADIO

Local stations: **95.7 Coast FM**  
**98.9 Jet FM (Comox Valley)**

#### WEBSITES

**qathet.ca** **powellriver.ca** **tlaaminnation.com**