

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 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 for resources on how to **make a plan**.

Register for community notifications today at qathet.ca

In an Emergency Dial 911



Van Anda Volunteer Fire Department
2036 Marble Bay Road, Van Anda | **604 414-3601**



Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department
5073 Gillies Bay Rd, Gillies Bay | **604 414-5121**

Texada RCMP Detachment
5010 Gillies Bay Rd, Gillies Bay | **604 486-7717**

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The Regional Emergency Program credits the Texada Island community and both the Gillies Bay Volunteer Fire Department and the Van Anda Volunteer Fire Department for their support in the development of this guide. In the event of an emergency, all residents and organizations are critical public safety partners including individuals, frontline responders, businesses, volunteer groups and governments. Everyone's preparedness is essential.

Find further information on the qathet Regional Emergency Program at **604 485-2260** or emergency@qathet.ca



COMMUNITY EVACUATION GUIDE

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

Texada Island

Texada Island is the largest island in the Georgia Strait. Situated on the northern end of the island are the communities of Van Anda and Gillies Bay. Located across from Powell River, the island is accessed from Powell River or Comox (Little River) via the BC Ferries Blubber Bay Terminal, or by air from Texada Island Airport (YGB).

An emergency evacuation could be initiated on Texada 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 limited 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 Blubber Bay Ferry Terminal. It is important to drive and park vehicles responsibly.

The dedicated members of the Gillies Bay and Van Anda Fire Departments regularly respond to fires and as medical first responders. Texada Island has local ambulance service, a Health Centre, Emergency Support Services team and a local RCMP detachment. The closest hospital providing regional service is in Powell River.

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 outside of your community or 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 evacuation.



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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



This map is for reference only - Evacuation route and direction will depend on location, size and type of emergency situation

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** **90.1 FM CJMP**

WEBSITES

qathet.ca powellriver.ca tlaaminnation.com