

Texada Island

Texada Island / sayayun is the largest island in the Georgia Strait. Situated on the northern end of the island are the communities of Van Anda / ɬəxʷamən and Gillies Bay / ʔi:səm. Located in the traditional territory of the Tla'amin Nation and is accessed from Powell River or Comox (Little River) via the BC Ferries Blubber Bay Terminal, or by air from Texada Island Airport (YGB).

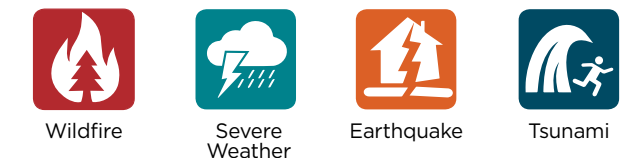
An emergency evacuation could be initiated on Texada if a human-caused or natural hazard becomes a threat to the safety of residents and visitors. Most emergencies are small in scale, but some have the **potential to escalate quickly such as a wildfire**. It is crucial that **everyone understands the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

Explore various options to exit your immediate neighbourhood swiftly. Each household should create a plan for quick evacuation, considering personal vehicles, rideshare arrangements with family members or neighbours, and even by bicycle or foot. 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.

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 small Health Care Centre, Emergency Support Services team and a local RCMP detachment. The closest hospital is located in Powell River.

Know the Risks.

Risks will vary throughout the region. Different safety measures will need to be taken for your home depending on the risks relevant to your area. Remember to think about all the different locations where you may be when considering risks. This could include home, work, school, driving or engaging in recreational activities.



COMMUNITY EVACUATION GUIDE

- PREPARE NOW
- KNOW WHAT TO DO
- KEEP INFORMED



Be Ready for an Emergency.



Everyone's Preparedness is Essential.

In an Emergency Dial 911

 **Van Anda Volunteer Fire Department**
2036 Marble Bay Road, Van Anda | **604 486-7035**

 **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.

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



Make Your Plan.

Work together with family, neighbours, and friends to make your home emergency plan specific for your home's location and local risks. Plan your method of transportation and two routes to a safe location using the evacuation map. Build a support network by coordinating plans with friends or family outside your immediate neighbourhood for possible lodging and family reunification, offering the same in return.

Preparedbc.ca has resources to help you prepare your own Home Emergency Plan.



Prepare a Grab-and-Go Bag.

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.



Know What to Do.

- You and your family should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least seven (7) days after an emergency.
- Know your hazards, make a plan, get prepared, and keep informed.

DURING an Evacuation

- Evacuation notification may be delivered by door-to-door notice, Community Notification System, social media, 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 bag 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



MAP LEGEND

	Community Facilities: - Van Anda Royal Canadian Legion - Texada Community Hall (Gillies Bay)
	Evacuation Supply Container
	Fire Department
	Boat Ramp
	Dock or Government Wharf
	Texada Island Airport (YGB)
	Police Station
	Health Centre
	Primary Evacuation Route
	Secondary Evacuation Route
	Primary Marine Evacuation Route
	Secondary Marine Evacuation Route

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.



Scan this code or register today at qathet.ca

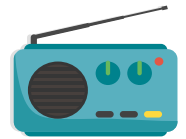
Know the THREE KINDS of Notices:

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

Facebook: @CityofPowellRiver @TlaaminNation @PowellRiverFireRescue @qathetRD

Twitter: @CityPowellRiver

RADIO

Local radio stations: **95.7 Coast FM** **90.1 FM CJMP**

WEBSITES

qathet.ca powellriver.ca tlaaminnation.com