

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

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### EOC Update: Are You Prepared for Emergencies?

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is reminding residents and visitors about the potential dangers associated with flooding, wildfires and landslides.

Check the RDOS website and Facebook page for current updates and important links:

<http://www.rdos.bc.ca/news-events/eoc/active-eoc-information/>

You can also find resource material including tips on making your own Emergency Kit at the RDOS office (101 Martin Street, Penticton) and from municipalities throughout the region.



#### **Sandbags**

Sand and sandbag locations will be listed on the RDOS website:

<http://www.rdos.bc.ca/news-events/eoc/sand-and-sandbag-locations/>

#### **Filled Sandbags Temporarily Available in Oliver**

There are currently several pallets with filled sandbags available at the Oliver Landfill, located off Black Sage Road. The RDOS does not normally provide filled sandbags, but these surplus sandbags from 2018 are available on a first come, first served basis during regular business hours while supplies last. Oliver Landfill: <http://www.oliver.ca/rdos-landfill>

Watch this short video to learn how to build a sandbag wall to protect your property or home:

<https://youtu.be/thZwVWyXjMQ>

#### **Important Notes**

- Property owners are responsible for protecting their property
- The RDOS does not deliver sand or sandbags to private residences or businesses
- If you require assistance with sandbagging, please connect with your friends, family or volunteers

## Landslides

Recognize the danger signs. Get to know your terrain and waterways. The best way to prepare is to be aware of changes that could signal a landslide.

Learn how to recognize **landslide danger signs** by visiting PreparedBC online:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/landslides>

## FireSmart Your Property

FireSmart Community Assessment Reports for several communities are now available on the RDOS EOC website: <http://www.rdos.bc.ca/news-events/eoc/active-eoc-information/>

The reports provide suggestions to help reduce the risk of wildfire around private property including removing flammable material under decks, clearing away ladder fuels such as cedar hedges, and cleaning debris from gutters.

FireSmart is a shared responsibility. With a few simple steps you can contribute to increasing your property, neighbourhood and community resiliency to wildfire.

For more information, please visit FireSmart BC online: <https://firesmartbc.ca/>

## Additional Resources

**Building Climate Resilience in the Okanagan – A Homeowners’ Resource Guide:**

[http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min\\_bylaws/PublicWorks/Building\\_Resilience\\_Guidebook/SOREBRD\\_OS.pdf](http://www.rdosmaps.bc.ca/min_bylaws/PublicWorks/Building_Resilience_Guidebook/SOREBRD_OS.pdf)

**Sign up for CivicReady and receive notification messages and information updates:**

<http://www.rdos.bc.ca/news-events/civic-ready/>



For more information, please visit the RDOS website [www.rdos.bc.ca](http://www.rdos.bc.ca)

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