

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.



Be Ready for an Emergency.



Everyone's Preparedness is Essential.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES ON LASQUETI ISLAND CALL: 1-855-871-1175 or 250-954-4432

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**



qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY EVACUATION GUIDE

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

Lasqueti Island

Lasqueti Island / xw̓eʔetay (Xweh et tay), located within the traditional territory of Coast Salish Peoples is nestled in the Georgia Strait between Texada Island and Vancouver Island. Lasqueti Island is home to a remote and eclectic community of self-reliant year-round and seasonal residents who conscientiously live off-grid on this 73.5 square kilometre island. Accessible only 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-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. It's crucial to **maintain at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle** to guarantee reaching a safe location.

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.

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.



Wildfire



Severe Weather



Earthquake



Tsunami



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



This map is for reference only - Evacuation route and directions 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 stations: 91.7 Coast FM (Nanaimo)
88.5 The Beach FM (Parksville)

WEBSITES

qathet.ca powellriver.ca tlaamination.com