## 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.

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### 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

## **In an Emergency Dial 911**



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







# COMMUNITY **EVACUATION** GUIDE

# • PREPARE NOW **KNOW WHAT TO DO** • KEEP INFORMED





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## SAVARY ISLAND

## **Savary Island**

Savary Island / ?ayhos is a wonderful place to relax and play among the lush forests and sandy beaches. Located on the Traditional Territory of the Tla'amin, Homalco and Klahoose Nations, Savary Island is approximately 7.5 km long and 1 km across at the widest point. The island is primarily accessed by a 10-minute water taxi, or by boat, barge, or floatplane from the Lund Harbour.

The island's remote location also poses unique risks to residents and visitors. In the summer months, the population jumps from 70 to over 2,500. Due to the influx of visitors, it is necessary to drive and park vehicles responsibly to ensure emergency vehicles and responders have access to all areas of the island. Be prepared to walk or bike to a safe beach access or muster point, and expect unmaintained surfaces.

Most emergencies are small in scale, but incidents such as wildfires have the potential to escalate quickly, which could impact everyone's safety across the island. It is crucial that everyone understands the risk and does their part to prevent fires.

The dedicated members of the Savary Island Volunteer Fire Department regularly respond to fires and medical incidents. The nearest hospital. RCMP. and ambulance services are located in the City of 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.









### 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 doorto-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



## SAVARY ISLAND

\*In emergencies, you may be told to walk to safety at a beach access point, be prepared as access can be challenging due to rough, steep or unmaintained paths.

## **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:



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**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 @gathetRD

X Twitter: @CitvPowellRiver

### RADIO

Local radio stations: 95.7 Coast FM 90.1 FM CJMP

#### **WEBSITES**

gathet.ca

powellriver.ca tlaaminnation.com