



Village of Fort Simpson Spring Breakup Information

For your benefit, the Emergency Management Organization stresses the importance of preparation in case of flooding or other natural disaster by recommending the following:

- ❖ Keep all vehicles fully fuelled
- ❖ Keep food, water, extra clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, important documents, medications, and any other items you will require packed and ready to go
- ❖ Dress appropriately for the weather, it is still below freezing at night
- ❖ Turn off main breaker switch, all fuel tanks, and your circulation pump if you are evacuating
- ❖ Remember not to use ovens, dryers, or other appliances with large power draws in the event of evacuation

Activity Levels:

(Note: the water measurements used for the following trigger points will be taken from the measurement post on Mackenzie drive for the sake of consistency. Water may be higher or lower in other areas at any given time.)

0. **[Event Begins]** when Ice Breaks at Liard Ferry Crossing

- Warning of Imminent Breakup issued
- Flood Watch personnel begin 24-hour monitoring of water level
- Regular updates on the situation can be found:
 - www.fortsimpson.com
 - CFLK-FM radio, 90.7
 - Village Office (867-695-2253) available 24 hours a day during event

1. 12.5 Meters

- Water breaches sections of Mackenzie Drive
- Roadblocks, delineators, and other resources will be staged at the appropriate locations

2. 13.0 Meters

- Mackenzie Drive and Drum Circle road will be closed for public safety
- Village emergency measures personnel will Stand-Up the Emergency Operations Center at the Village Office

3. 13.5 Meters

- Mayor & Council Declares STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
- Elders Care Home and Home care Clients to begin evacuation to the Airport for further evacuation to other communities
- Public Fan out notifying local organizations of water level

4. 14.0 Meters

- Businesses, Schools, and Offices ordered to close if they have not already done so
- Evacuation Registration at Rec Center Opens to public

5. 14.5 Meters

- NWT Alert “Flood Warning” message sent to all cellular devices in the area
- Please register at the Rec Center in person before you leave the island, or by phone at Landline 867-695-3300/ Cell 867-695-6391

6. 15.0 Meters – **General Evacuation**

- NWT Alert “Evacuation Order” message sent to all cellular devices in the area
- Registration of evacuees as they leave through the roadblock
- People without vehicles are to proceed immediately to the Rec Center for transportation
- Fire Department will sound sirens continuously for ONE MINUTE, then go door to door to inform residents of evacuation

7. Post Evacuation

- Free movement onto island will be restricted until the danger has passed
- If at any time island access road is deemed unsafe, it will be closed until conditions improve
- **Island residents** may be allowed to return on a limited basis during daytime hours
- Emergency Operations Center moved to Village Shop
- Official Updates to situation released via
 - www.fortsimpson.com
 - CFLK-FM radio, 90.7
 - Bulletin Board in front of shop

8. **[Event Declared Over]** when Ice Jam pushes past Martin River bend and water goes down

- Flood Risk has passed, damage assessment begins
- When Island is declared safe, residents will be allowed to return
- Report any flood damage to the Local Emergency Management Organization by calling the Village Office (867-695-2253)