



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

Activity Levels

The following are some of the response measures that shall be enacted as the listed trigger points are reached. Several response levels may be activated at the same time in a fast-moving situation.

0. **[Event Begins]** when river ice breaks and piles in

- 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)

1. Mackenzie River reaches 12.5 Meter mark

- Roughly when water overflows sections of Mackenzie Drive
- Roadblocks, delineators, and other resources will be staged at the appropriate locations

2. River reaches 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
- NWT Alert "Evacuation Notice" message sent to all cellular devices in the area
- Residents are encouraged pre-register with the GNWT at <https://www.gov.nt.ca/en/form/evac>

3. River reaches 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
- Active notification of local agencies of the State of Local Emergency

4. River reaches 14.0 Meters

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

5. River reaches 14.5 Meters

- NWT Alert “Evacuation Alert” 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
Landline 867-695-3300/ Cell 867-695-6391

6. River reaches 15.0 Meters – **General Evacuation Triggered**

- NWT Alert “Evacuation Order” message sent to all cellular devices in the area
- Traffic controls put in place at the causeway
- People without vehicles are to proceed immediately to the Rec Center for transportation
- Door to door notification of residents begins

7. Post Evacuation

- Movement onto island will be controlled until the danger has passed
- If at any time island access road is deemed unsafe, it will be closed until conditions improve
- Emergency Operations Center moved to Village Shop (Jimmy Isaiah Drive)
- 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 through and water goes down

- Flood Risk has passed, damage assessment begins
- When Island is declared safe, residents will be allowed to return
- NWT Alert “Evacuation All-clear” message sent to all cellular devices in the area
- Report any flood damage to the Local Emergency Management Organization by calling the Village Office (867-695-2253)