



FloodSmart Canada

## FLOODS HAPPEN, AND THEY CAN HAPPEN TO YOU

OUR WEATHER IS CHANGING, WE ARE BUILDING IN RISKIER AREAS, AND WE ARE REDUCING THE EARTH'S ABILITY TO SOAK UP WATER THROUGH DEVELOPMENT.



**94%** OF CANADIANS LIVING IN FLOOD-RISK ZONES ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR RISK



ONLY

**30%** OF CANADIANS ARE TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY

FLOODING CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE, WITH LITTLE TO NO WARNING. TAKE ACTION TODAY SO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE PREPARED FOR THE NEXT FLOOD.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ☛ Know your risks – talk to your local government, insurer, and neighbours
- ☛ Sign up for local weather watches, alerts, and warnings
- ☛ Visit [FloodSmartCanada.ca](https://FloodSmartCanada.ca) for flood risk resources

### PROTECT YOURSELF

- ☑ Build an emergency plan and kit with your family
- ☑ Move valuable items and documents out of your basement to keep them safe and dry
- ☑ Reach out to friends and neighbours to raise awareness and build community
- ☑ Listen to the news for local flood warnings and updates
- ☑ Don't drive in floodwaters
- ☑ Make a plan to evacuate and connect with your family at a safe place
- ☑ Keep your children and pets away from floodwaters
- ☑ Learn about flood insurance coverage options
- ☑ Talk to your municipality about what you can do to protect your home, like disconnecting downspouts from the municipal system, or installing a backwater valve