



Regional District of **Kitimat-Stikine**

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The Kalum and Skeena Rivers dropped significantly over the past few days. Evacuation Orders for New Remo, Old Remo and Dutch Valley have been rescinded and the RDKS has cancelled the State of Local Emergency for Electoral Area C.

Residents are allowed back into New Remo, Old Remo and Dutch Valley. Security will remain in place until 7:00 am on June 8, 2021 to allow access only to property owners.

What to do After a Flood

Over the coming days the RDKS will be addressing the issue of post flood recovery. Residents and businesses in areas which have experienced flooding should consult the following document from the BC Provincial Government on what to do after a flood:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/keeping-bc-healthy-safe/health-emergency-response/what-to-do-after-the-flood.pdf>

and the following link to the PreparedBC website on Recovering after a Flood:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/floods/after-flood>

Sandbag disposal

Remove sandbags when there is no longer a risk of flooding. Sandbags that have come in contact with flood waters can be contaminated and pose a risk to your safety.

When disposing of sandbags:

- Wear gloves and boots to protect yourself from scrapes and contaminants.
- If your sandbag has been in contact with flood waters or if you suspect that sandbags have come into contact with industrial waste, fuel, oil or other chemicals, dispose your sandbags at permitted waste handling facilities.
- Sand from used sandbags should not be used in sandboxes, playgrounds or other areas where it will be in contact with people.
- You can reuse clean, dry and filled sandbags at other flood sites for up to six months.

Donations

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine will receive cash donations on behalf of the flood victims in the form of cash or cheques made out to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine 300-4545 Lazelle Ave. Terrace, B.C. V8G 4E1. Please identify the money is for the Flood. An official donation receipt will be written and any donation over \$20.00 will qualify for charitable tax credits.

Should there be any other updates, the Regional District will provide on an as needed basis to local radio stations, RDKS website at www.rdks.bc.ca and social media pages as well updates can be found on the Emergency Management BC website: [Flood Warnings and Advisories - River Forecast Centre - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/flood-warnings-and-advisories)

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