



Regional District of
Kitimat-Stikine

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Recent rain and melting snowpack has resulted in large fluctuations in river heights in the region. Currently the Skeena River at Usk is holding and future water levels are dependent on the amount of rain received and further snowpack melt over the weekend. The State of Local Emergency still exist in Area C. Door to door evacuation notification took place last night in New Remo to advise the residents of the Evacuation Order in place in their community. The Community of Old Remo continues to be under an Evacuation Order with most residents having left.

The Evacuation Alert for Dutch Valley is currently under review and maybe upgraded to an Evacuation Order. Please refer to this website www.rdks.bc.ca for future updates to follow. Currently the Kalum River is at the same height as existing dykes in the area.

Should any residents require sandbags, these are available at the Thornhill Volunteer Fire Department 3128 Hwy 16 East.

Specific instructions as follows:

Those individuals who may be evacuated or have been forced out due to flooding need to report to the Thornhill Community Centre at 3091 Century Street in Thornhill for registration and assistance. They can also be reached at 250-641-2443

The Regional District will provide updates on local radio stations, website and social media pages as we receive them as well updates can be found on the Emergency Management BC website: <https://www.emergencyinfbc.gov.bc.ca/flood-warning-issued-for-stikine-river-and-tuya-river-june-2-2021/>

At this time residents and businesses in low-lying areas and areas which have experienced flooding in the past should take steps to flood proof their structures, including moving valuable items to higher ground, finding alternate locations for livestock, and finding alternate accommodations should the need for evacuation occur. Information regarding flood preparedness, including the proper methods of sandbagging can be found by visiting <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/floods>

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