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Sandbags available, flood financial assistance

DUNCAN, BC – As the region moves into recovery from the November 14 to 16 flood event, Environment Canada is forecasting significant rainfall for coastal British Columbia in the coming days. Residents of low-lying areas in the Cowichan region should be prepared for additional flooding events.

Sandbags are available at Bings Creek Recycling Centre (3900 Drinkwater Road, Duncan), Peerless Road Recycling Centre (10830 Westdowne Road, Ladysmith), and Meade Creek Recycling Centre (8855 Youbou Rd, Lake Cowichan). Sand and sandbags are available across the road from the North Cowichan Works Yard (2975 Sprott Road, Duncan). All locations are accessible 24/7.

The Canadian Red Cross is providing \$2,000 per household to victims of the flood. To access these supports, evacuated British Columbians need to register with the Red Cross by calling 1 800 863-6582, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. (Pacific time) or visit the Cowichan Community Centre on November 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Government of BC is providing Disaster Financial Assistance to help families repair homes and property from the effects of flood damage. For [information, eligibility and to submit an application](#) can be found on the Emergency Management BC webpage.

This weekend, a team of 30 Canadian Forces members will be on the ground in the most impacted communities of the region to support sandbagging and preparedness for the upcoming week of weather.

Visit the [Emergency Preparedness](#) page of the CVRD website for more information and resources, and join the [Alertable network](#) to receive instant notifications of evacuation alerts and order, road closures and other relevant information on your smart device. Residents should also check the [CVRD website](#) and social media channels for up-to-date information.

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