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Heavy rainfall prompts Evacuation Alert in Cowichan Bay area, impacts of localized flooding reported across entire Cowichan region

Duncan, BC – The Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) of the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) has issued an Evacuation Alert for an area in Cowichan Bay, and advises residents across the region to be prepared in the event flood conditions worsen overnight.

The [Evacuation Alert](#) includes Tzouhalem Road, Samuel Road, Westcan Terminal Road and Lochmanetz Road.

The CVRD is aware of many other areas across the Cowichan region that continue to be impacted by localized flooding. Many residents have reported overland flow from roads or ditches at capacity. Reports of this nature should be directed to the respective road maintenance contractors for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI):

- Areas A, B, C, D, E, F & I: Emcon Services – 1.866.353.3136 / MOTI – 250.952.4515
- Areas G & H: Mainroad Group – 1.877.215.6006 / MOTI – 250.751.3246

To aid Cowichan Valley residents experiencing flooding issues, the Municipality of North Cowichan has sandbags available. Residents are asked to call 250-746-3106 to arrange for pickup. The sandbags can be filled with sand that is located across from the public works yard at 2975 Sprott Road.

The Town of Lake Cowichan is also aiding residents in this regard. Piles of sand and sand bags are available at the Town's Public Works yard, located at the corner of Grosskleg Way and Wilson Road in Lake Cowichan. Residents may help themselves at any time, but are advised to please consider what they really need to maintain supplies for others.

Residents are encouraged to check the [CVRD website](#) and social media channels over the next 24 hours for any further emergency alerts issued in the region.

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