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**Flood Watch Issued for Vancouver Island**

The BC River Forecast Centre has issued a flood watch for Vancouver Island. A flood watch means that river levels are rising and will approach or may exceed bankfull. Flooding of areas adjacent to affected rivers may occur. If you live in a flood-prone area, please monitor your situation and take steps to be prepared.

**What to expect:**

- Rivers and creeks may rise quickly over the next few days.
- Heavy rainfall can cause pooling water, erosion and unstable riverbanks.
- Avoid walking near river edges, ditches or fast-moving water.

**Be prepared:**

- Stay away from river and stream banks.
- Clear storm drains and gutters of leaves and debris to help prevent water buildup.
- Avoid driving across water-covered roads or bridges.
- Plan for at least a three-day (72 hrs) supply of food and water for each family member.
- Have a grab-and-go kit ready if you have to leave your home quickly.
- Watch for warning signs: increased height and intensity of water flows, mudslides, debris in creeks, color changes in water or leaning trees.

Sandbags and sand are available at the following RDN fire departments for residents in flood-prone areas:

- Nanoose Bay Fire Department: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, 2471 Nanoose Road
- Coombs-Hilliers Volunteer Fire Department: Anytime at 3241 Alberni Highway (located in the back corner)

For more information on how to be prepared during heavy rainfall and potential flooding, visit [rdn.bc.ca/flood](https://rdn.bc.ca/flood). For river and weather updates, visit the [River Forecast Centre](#) and [Environment Canada](#). For road conditions, visit <https://DriveBC.ca>.

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