

Climate Action Sheet



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Being Prepared, Together • Prevent impacts, protect the people we care about

Climate change is already bringing more frequent extreme weather events to Beaconsfield: flooding, prolonged power outages, heatwaves.

According to local projections, these risks will continue to increase in the coming years. The good news? Being prepared is simple, accessible and highly effective.

Why Does It Make a Difference?

A well-prepared resident is someone who is:

- Better equipped in a safer environment
- Less vulnerable during an emergency
- Helping reduce pressure on emergency services

Preparing ahead also allows you to:

- Save precious time when something unexpected happens
- Protect people at risk
- Act calmly and effectively

Connected neighbours empower one another and provide crucial help and support during emergencies.



Did You Know?

- Sewer backups have been recorded in Beaconsfield in 2017, 2019, 2024 and 2025
- Power outages caused by the April 2023 ice storm lasted up to 7 days in some neighbourhoods
- Beaconsfield has one of the highest proportions of seniors in the West Island and on the Island of Montréal, community vigilance is essential

What You Can Do, Starting Now

Prepare Your Home

- Put together a 72-hour emergency kit with water, non-perishable food, flashlight, batteries, medications, etc.
- Update it once a year
- Keep a paper list of important phone numbers and nearby neighbours
- Check your sump pump (condition and connection to the municipal ditch)
- Protect water outlets (traps, backwater valves) and plan a solution in case of power failure

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Create a Community Safety Net

- Talk with your neighbours, including older adults, people living alone, or caregivers
- Identify who might need help during an extreme event
- Exchange phone numbers and include them in your emergency plan

A simple conversation today can make a real difference tomorrow.

Local Tips, Right Here in Beaconsfield

- Learn about the [Vulnerable Persons Registry](#): you may qualify without realizing it
- Contact the City for advice on resilient home design, including flood prevention: inspection@beaconsfield.ca
- Get involved in [Connecting Beaconsfield](#): the goal is to have an active network of Neighbour Connectors in every district

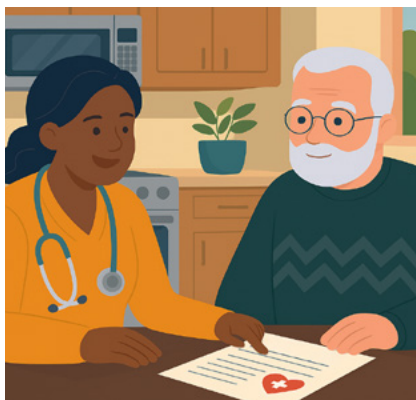
To Go Further

Climate Challenges

- **For Families:** Involve children in creating the emergency kit - choose snacks, games, flashlights together. Don't forget pets!
- **For Seniors:** Prepare a health information sheet that can be easily shared in an emergency.
- **For Neighbours:** Create a street-level emergency plan

Helpful Tools

- Watch the [presentation by resident Graeme Maag](#), filled with practical preparedness tips
- Watch the [presentation by Architecture Sans Frontières](#) on living with water and preparing homes for flooding



In Summary

Ice storms, flooding, heatwaves... Unfortunately, we can't control everything.

But we can prepare, look out for one another and reduce impacts.

A prepared home + an informed neighbour + a connected community = a more resilient Beaconsfield