

**PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTRE  
FLOODING SITUATION OVERVIEW  
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**OVERVIEW**

An intense frontal system which impacted the South Coast and Vancouver Island yesterday moved into the interior of the province overnight.

This morning all areas reported that winds are calm and the rain has ceased.

**RESPONSE STATUS**

The Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) in Victoria and two Provincial Regional Emergency Coordination Centres (PREOCs) in Southwest (Surrey) and Vancouver Island (Victoria) remain activated to support local governments.

The combined Emergency Operation Centres (EOC) in West Vancouver and North Vancouver remains activated.

A Reception Centre remains activated at the West Vancouver Seniors Centre for evacuees.

Utilities and road crews are working as quickly as possible to restore services and assist communities with the recovery process.

**SITUATION**

***Southwest:***

The Greater Vancouver Regional District has issued a Water Advisory for the whole of the GVRD due to high turbidity in the regional water system. The advisory is not a "Boil Water Advisory" in the classic sense, it is an advisory of deteriorating drinking water.

The situation continues to improve throughout the southwest region.

Widespread power outages continue in the area. BC Hydro's website is showing over 125,000 customers without power and Hydro expects that most service outages will be dealt with today.

Several West Vancouver/North Vancouver elementary schools remain closed today.

In Maple Ridge, cleanup continues.

The Valley Cliff area of Squamish remains isolated due to a road washout effecting approximately 200 people. Emergency road repairs are being undertaken by the municipality to ensure emergency service vehicles can access the area.

While significant amounts of wind damage have been reported from across the southwest region, there are no specific flood damages reported.

***Vancouver Island:***

Over 8,000 customers remain without power this morning on Vancouver Island. Some service outages are expected to continue until tomorrow, particularly in the Tofino and Ucluelet areas.

Secondary road closures continue in many areas of the Island.

Telus service outages continue for all of Port Renfrew. Amateur radio volunteers are coordinating emergency communications from the community to the amateur radio station in Sooke (CRD Electoral Area C).

Port Alberni damage estimates show that 300-400 homes have been impacted by flooding.

The Cowichan Valley Regional District reports 50-60 homes impacted by flooding.

The Capital Regional District reports that 1-2 homes may have been impacted by flooding.

***Interior:***

The Carpenter Lake Road west of Lillooet remains closed by a number of small slides. The Ministry of Transportation is working with BC Ambulance and local RCMP to ensure that emergency services are available to those in communities as required.

**OUTLOOK**

Environment Canada is forecasting occasional rain or showers through to Sunday for the southwest part of the province. No significant rain events are forecast. Based on the current weather forecasts, conditions should continue to improve over the next few days.

**CURRENT INFORMATION**

Flood Warnings and Watch

Ministry of Environment – River Forecast Centre

[http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/rfc/river\\_forecast/advisories\\_current.htm](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/rfc/river_forecast/advisories_current.htm)

Road Closures  
Ministry of Transportation – Drive BC  
<http://www.drivebc.ca>

Weather Forecast  
Environment Canada  
[http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc/canada\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc/canada_e.html)