



Media Release

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Emergency Preparedness Week May 2-8, 2021

Test of the Emergency Notification System May 4

Nelson, BC: This Sunday, May 2, marks the beginning of Emergency Preparedness Week — a national awareness initiative that has taken place every year since 1996. The week long initiative runs through Saturday, May 8 and is an opportunity to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will use this week of awareness to promote emergency preparedness and run a test of its Emergency Notification System.

“With flood season approaching, this is a perfect time to refresh and double check your emergency plans and preparations,” said Chris Johnson, RDCK Emergency Operations Centre Director. “At the RDCK, we are busy making our own preparations, and encourage our residents to do the same for your families and neighbourhood groups.”

Emergency Preparedness week encourages residents to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Get an emergency kit

Each year, thousands of people face emergency situations that could change their lives forever. Don't be caught off-guard. Know the hazards in your area and take the time now to assemble your family [grab and go emergency kit](#) and plan where you will go if you need to evacuate, e.g. with family or friends within your bubble, especially now as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Remember to include your pets.

The RDCK recommends that residents are able to be self sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours following an emergency, and for up to a week for more remote communities. More information is available on the RDCK website at www.rdck.ca/emergency.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TEST

On Tuesday, May 4, as part of our emergency preparedness activities, the RDCK will be conducting its annual test of the Emergency Notification System.

- Residents who have already signed up for notifications will receive a test message on Tuesday, May 4
- If you are new to the area, or have not yet signed up for emergency notifications, please go to www.rdck.ca/notifications
- To ensure you receive important emergency information relevant to your location it is imperative residents update their account with the most accurate location information. Please take this opportunity to log into the system and double check your details www.rdck.ca/notifications

USEFUL LINKS

RDCK Emergency Preparedness Information – www.rdck.ca/emergencypreparedness

Sign up for Emergency Notifications – www.rdck.ca/notifications

[Prepared BC](#)

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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