



# Media Release

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## Emergency Preparedness Week 2026 RDCK to Test Emergency Notification System on May 7

Nelson, BC: *In It Together* is the theme for this year's **Emergency Preparedness Week** (May 3–9), a national campaign that highlights how social connection can strengthen readiness. Whether it's a wildfire, flood, or power outage, our ability to respond and recover is stronger when we work together as neighbours, families, and communities.

At the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), we're encouraging residents to use this week as an opportunity to take action, talk to your family about your emergency plan, build or update your grab-and-go kit, and check in with neighbours, because *we're all in it together*.

As part of Emergency Preparedness Week, the RDCK will conduct its annual **TEST** of the Emergency Notification System on **Thursday, May 7 at approximately 2:00 PM**. Anyone registered with the [RDCK's Emergency Notification System](#) will receive a **TEST NOTIFICATION** by text, email, landline, or through the Voyent Alert! app, depending on their chosen settings.

The Province of BC will conduct a separate TEST of their notification system on May 6, 2026, at 1:55 pm PT.

If you are new to the area or have not yet signed up for emergency notifications, please go to [www.rdck.ca/EmergencyNotification](http://www.rdck.ca/EmergencyNotification). To ensure you receive important emergency information relevant to your location, it is imperative that residents update their account with accurate location information. Please take this opportunity to log in to the system and double check your details: [www.rdck.ca/EmergencyNotification](http://www.rdck.ca/EmergencyNotification).

"Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility," said Nora Hannon, RDCK Acting Emergency Program Manager. "By working together, we can build resilience towards the emergencies that impact our communities."

Emergency Preparedness Week is a great time to take a few simple steps to improve your readiness:

- Sign up to receive [RDCK Emergency Notifications](#) or login to update your set locations
- Prepare a "[grab and go](#)" kit
- Make a home emergency plan with this [handy template](#)
- Set up your [ESS profile](#)
- Learn more about [emergency preparedness](#)

During the week, the RDCK will share daily preparedness tips on [Facebook](#), covering topics like alerts, kits, planning, pets, and property protection.

*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 180 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](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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