

Community Preparedness



Help in High Water: Saskatchewan's Flood Damage Reduction Programs



Saskatchewan takes a planned and practical approach to managing flood risk. By acting early and using targeted programs, the province helps reduce damage when water levels rise and supports communities before, during and after flooding events.

In 2011, the Water Security Agency launched the Emergency Flood Damage Reduction Program (EFDRP). This program focuses on situations where flooding poses an immediate threat. It supports temporary and permanent flood protection measures for communities, rural municipalities, businesses, non-profit organizations, rural residences, cottages and drinking water wells. Assistance includes engineering support, technical guidance and cost-shared funding to help put protective measures in place quickly.

Flooding can also affect water quality. As part of the EFDRP, guidance is provided on testing and disinfecting private wells that may have been impacted by flood waters. This support helps reduce the risk of waterborne illness and protects public health during and after flood events.

When the immediate threat of flooding has passed, efforts shift toward long-term prevention of recurrent flooding through the Flood Damage Reduction Program (FDRP). This program helps communities reduce the risk of repeat flood damage by supporting planning and permanent solutions. Eligible projects include flood risk studies, flood mapping, emergency response planning and the construction of long-lasting flood protection works. Funding is offered on a cost-shared basis, and projects must meet provincial standards and regulatory requirements.

Together, these programs help communities prepare for environmental variability by reducing damage, protecting water quality and supporting safer land and infrastructure planning over time.

Why It Matters

Flood protection programs help communities respond quickly when water levels rise and plan ahead to reduce future risks. By limiting flood damage, these measures protect homes, businesses, roads, wells and wastewater systems. They also reduce the movement of pollutants and nutrients into lakes and rivers during floods, which helps maintain healthy water systems. Strong flood preparedness supports public safety, community stability and long-term resilience across Saskatchewan.

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