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# Flood Response Resources



If you've been impacted by the floods, there are resources available to help out. Use this booklet as a resource to help you & your community.

# Register to access Emergency Support

**Step 1:** Self-register for emergency support services (ESS) online at [ess.gov.bc.ca](https://ess.gov.bc.ca) or by dialing **1-800-585-9559**



## The Red Cross

**Provides** personalized recovery supports, Interim housing & housing repair programs. If you've been affected by the flooding, Register online, by phone, or in person (across from city hall) - *Even if you were not in the evacuation zone.*



**1800-585-9559**



**32203 South Fraser way**

Fri- Tues 9-4 (Closed Wed&Thurs)



**[ess.gov.bc.ca](https://ess.gov.bc.ca)**

## Municipal Updates on how to find and Access Help, Info & Resources

Abbotsford Return Home Plan

[abbotsford.ca/returnhome](https://abbotsford.ca/returnhome)

Chilliwack Resources for residents impacted by flooding

[chilliwack.com/FloodResources](https://chilliwack.com/FloodResources)

BC Provincial Government support

(including livestock relocation funding)

[www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/natural-disaster/support](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/natural-disaster/support)



## Financial Assistance

**Funding for Farmers** (BC Gov't)

**Flood Recovery Program for Food Security:**

- Uninsurable infrastructure cleanup & repair
- Production expenses (Feed, Crops, Livestock)



**1 888-332-3352**



**Flood Recovery Program for Food Security**



**<https://bit.ly/34W5SFS>**

**Disaster Financial Assistance: [PAST DUE] <80% of the value lost (<\$300,000) where losses could not be insured**



[gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance](http://gov.bc.ca/disasterfinancialassistance)



## If you have home insurance

Contact your insurance provider; clean-up and restoration services may be included in your insurance policy. If you are unsure about the response you get from your home insurance provider, contact the Insurance Bureau of Canada and they will help clarify your policy and what is covered.



[ibc.ca/on/disaster](http://ibc.ca/on/disaster)



## If you don't have home insurance

You can get in touch with one of the following organizations for help with clean up and rebuilding.

- **Mennonite Disaster Services:** Assessments & Rebuilding assistance



[778-255-0188](tel:778-255-0188)



[sdueck@mds.org](mailto:sdueck@mds.org)



## Rent Bank

### Rent Bank

Please Contact the Salvation Army, MCC Rent Bank or Emergency Rent Assistance



[www.mccbc.ca/rentbank](http://www.mccbc.ca/rentbank)

### Homelessness Prevention and Outreach Program

Mission Community Services Society

3-32618 Logan Ave, Mission



[604-826-3634](tel:604-826-3634)



## Income Assistance & EI

Ministry of Social Development [1-866-866-0800](tel:1-866-866-0800)

Service Canada [1-877-631-2657](tel:1-877-631-2657)

# Local Help for Basic Needs & Assistance

These organizations offer food, clothing, counselling and more for flood evacuees. Contact each organization directly for assistance.



## Chilliwack, Yarrow & Sumas Flats

- **For Seniors:** Chilliwack Better at Home (Chilliwack Community Services) **(778) 860-5499**
- **Ann Davis Society:** Mental Health Support/Community Connector For all ages and genders, singles and families, emergency mental health counselling, groups, & legal advocacy **(604) 792-2760**
- Outreach Services: basic needs supplies, clothing, bedding, & kitchen supplies & help with documents **(604) 402-0014**
- **Wilma's Transition Society:** Food hampers, furniture, hygiene products, financial support for rent, counselling for men, women & youth **(604) 858-0468** or **1-888-558-0468**
- **Regional Food Hub:** Chilliwack Bowls of Hope/Salvation Army site at 45746 Yale Rd. **(604) 792-0001**
- **Yarrow Food Hub:** Food/tools/equipment & emotional support for those who drop in **41620 #3 Road**
- **Yarrow Flood Relief Community Care Centre:** Financial assistance, counselling & freezer meals 42228 Yarrow Central Rd. **(778) 860-8500** or **info@yarrowalliance.org**
- **United Way Community Builders** connecting unmet needs of flood impacted residents with local resources and supporting volunteer led projects Sharalee **(236) 483-0402**      **SharaleeP@uwbc.ca**
- **Crossroads Food Hub:** Warm food, tools & equipment. 24/7 Freezer meal access **3185 Dixon Rd.**
- **Arnold Church:** Meals and other support **(604) 864-2208**  
310 Arnold Road



## Abbotsford

- **Archway Community Services:** access to food, navigational assistance, children, youth and seniors, counselling, migrant workers supports, access to legal and medical supports, (re-)employment assistance & more **604-859-7681** info at [archway.ca/](http://archway.ca/)
- **Archway's Community Transportation Van** can be booked to take flood impacted persons to appointments related to completing applications for assistance, or for the pick-up of supplies such as food or other items. For more information or to schedule a trip, contact Kim Espinoza [kim.espinoza@archway.ca](mailto:kim.espinoza@archway.ca) or **236.380.3651**
- **Gateway Community Church Pantry:** Offers food and basic household needs in a mini market style setting. MWF 10:30am-4.30pm **2884 Gladys Ave** (lower parking lot) Requires proof of residency. [www.gatewaycrc.org](http://www.gatewaycrc.org)
- **Salvation Army Thrift Store:** \$50 coupon per member of flood evacuees' families, food, basic needs, flood clean-up kits, spiritual & emotional support **34081 Gladys Avenue**
- **HeyNeighbour.org:** Online Free Store with new clothing, work gear, household essentials, personal items, gift cards, free access to mental health support. **2547 Montvue Ave** by appointment only. Punjabi translation available Register Online: [www.heyneighbour.org](http://www.heyneighbour.org)
- **For Seniors – Abbotsford Association for Healthy Aging** **(604) 854-1733**
- **MCC Thrift Store:** Free Clothing supports for Evacuees **33933 Gladys Ave 604-854-2062**
- **United Way Community Builders** connecting unmet needs of flood impacted residents with local resources and supporting volunteer led projects Trina **(236) 483-0401** [TrinaE@uwbc.ca](mailto:TrinaE@uwbc.ca)



## Abbotsford Continued

- **Engaged Communities of Canada:** (In partnership with Khalsa Diwan Society, Abbotsford) Basic needs supplied via local pop-ups including food, PPE, feminine hygiene products, first aid, harm reduction and warm clothing.  
**(778) 223-6987**    [info@eccsociety.org](mailto:info@eccsociety.org)
- **Dignidad Migrante:** Para hispanohablantes, contacto  
**604-754-3419**    [info@dignidadmigrantociety.org](mailto:info@dignidadmigrantociety.org)
- **Facebook groups:**  
[fv flood help](#)    [helpingsumasprairiefarmers](#)



## Support for Indigenous Communities

- **Abbotsford Youth Health Centre:** 32555 Simon Ave, Abbotsford, **604-746-3392** or [fnha.ca](http://fnha.ca)
- **Fraser Salish Regional Health:** James George, Regional Health Liaison, **604-693-6528**; [james.george@fnha.ca](mailto:james.george@fnha.ca)
- **Indigenous Services Canada:** [sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:sac-isc.gc.ca) 105-1100 Melville St., Vancouver, **1-800-557-960**
- **Sumas First Nations Housing:** 2788 Sumas Mountain Road, Abbotsford, **604-852-4041**



## Asbestos Contamination

### Asbestos Contamination in Houses built before 1990

1. N95 Masks are not sufficient to protect from Asbestos exposure.
2. Mold is a significantly lower health risk and priority should be to remove drywall safely rather than quickly.
3. Consider all pre-1990 drywall to contain asbestos until proven otherwise. Testing available in Abbotsford.



**BCCDC Asbestos Info**  
<https://bit.ly/3ocwd9o>



**BC WorkSafe Asbestos**  
<https://bit.ly/3G6eBC8>



## Listening Ear

**Disaster Psychosocial Services (Mental Health Supports)**

 **310-6789**

**Agsafe (Mental Health and Supports for Farmers)**

 **[agsafebc.ca/mental-wellness](https://agsafebc.ca/mental-wellness)**

**BC211 (Mental Health Hotline - Free, Confidential, 24/7)**

 **dial or text 2-1-1**

**Abbotsford Child and Youth Mental Health**

 **604-870-5880**

**Hey Neighbor (Free drop-in counselling)**

 **2547 Montvue, Abbotsford**

**Online Adult Counselling (Archway Community Services)**

 **[maria.cargnelli@archway.ca](mailto:maria.cargnelli@archway.ca)**

**Foundry (Abbotsford Mental Health Centre):** Free Drop-in counselling for youth (12-24y) & Art Therapy Group (14-18y)

 **[foundrybc.ca/abbotsford](https://foundrybc.ca/abbotsford)**

 **604.746.3392 ext 815**

 **[leah.froese@foundryabbotsford.ca](mailto:leah.froese@foundryabbotsford.ca)**

**Ann Davis Society:** All ages and genders, singles and families, emergency mental health counselling, & legal advocacy

 **(604) 792-2760**

**Cares Counselling Society:** 6 free counselling session to individuals, couples or families

 **(604) 853-8916**

 **[cares.info@gmail.com](mailto:cares.info@gmail.com)**

 **[www.cares.ca](http://www.cares.ca)**



## For your Animals

- **SPCA – 604 850-1584 (778) 860-5499**
- **Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team [www.cdart.org](http://www.cdart.org)**

# Funding Support with Local Recovery Efforts

- **United Way British Columbia** in the Fraser Valley  
[yvest@uwbc.ca](mailto:yvest@uwbc.ca) **United for BC Flood Response Grants** to local agencies grants approved weekly. More info at [uwbc.ca/flood/](http://uwbc.ca/flood/)
- **Abbotsford Community Foundation:** Abbotsford Disaster Relief funding up to \$25,000 for front line charities assisting with flood relief. **604-850-3755**
- **Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce:** Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund – Farmers & Businesses Stream
- [www.abbotsfordchamber.com/how-we-help/abbotsford-disaster-relief-fund/](http://www.abbotsfordchamber.com/how-we-help/abbotsford-disaster-relief-fund/)
- **Gateway Community Church:** Abbotsford Disaster Response Coalition relief funding (up to \$8K) for un-met needs such as appliances, furniture etc. [www.gatewaycrc.org](http://www.gatewaycrc.org)



Know someone that needs help?  
Share this booklet with them.  
Everyone could use a helping hand.