



Flood Risk For Businesses



Durham is at risk of flooding. Is your business ready?

Floods happen in Durham Region, and climate change is bringing wetter and wilder weather to the area. This weather can result in uncertain, unstable, and more extreme flooding conditions, which pose unique risks to local businesses year-round, even if you are not located near water. Flooding can lead to:

- Water damage and flooding in commercial or industrial buildings
- Dangerous conditions on roads and highways
- Unexpected interruptions to public transit
- Financial, property, and productivity losses



Increase your resilience

Everyone has a role when it comes to staying safe before, during, and after a flood. Ensure your business or place of work is flood resilient and take the following steps:

- Identify whether your business may be exposed to flooding by viewing the floodplain viewer.
- Have an emergency plan, like a Business Continuity Plan
- Talk about your plan with employees/coworkers and prepare everyone to safely navigate flooding at and on the way to/from work
- Keep safety information and kits on hand
- Encourage employees to have a 72-hour emergency preparedness plan for them and their families
- Keep a detailed and up-to-date inventory of business assets
- Talk to your insurance broker about flood insurance and to make sure you know what is covered



Resources

Get #FloodReady and join in efforts to protect your local green space. To learn about action on flooding in Durham Region, visit www.durham.ca/flood-ready-durham.

Sign up for local community groups, recreational programs or activities organized by your local municipality.

Visit the following resources for more information:

- [FloodSmart Canada - Resources for Businesses](#)
- [Intact Centre on Climate Change Adaptation](#)
- [Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan](#)
- [Durham Emergency Management Office](#)



For more information

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