



TOWN OF BLACKFALDS MEDIA RELEASE

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Due to the large amounts of rain fall that the Town of Blackfalds and area has been experiencing, the Town Office has been taking some inquiries as to whether the flood damage to citizen's property will be covered. To determine the full extent of the damage in the community, the Town will compile a list of names and property addresses of residents affected by flood damage. This information will be used to determine whether the Town and its citizens would qualify for compensation under a Provincial Disaster Recovery Program.

Residents who suffered overland flood damage to their home or business as a result of recent rainfalls are asked to take the following steps:

- Contact your property insurance company immediately if you have incurred flooding.
- If you have been informed that your claim is uninsurable, request a letter from your insurance company indicating that the damage to your property is uninsurable.
- Residents who have an uninsurable claim are asked to phone the Town of Blackfalds office at (403) 885-4677. You will be asked to provide your name, address, phone number and an estimate of the cost of damage to your property.
- Residents are encouraged to take note of damages either by way of photos, video or sketches prior to repairing the damage. All invoices and bills should be retained in the event a Disaster Recovery Program is approved for Blackfalds.

Residents should take immediate steps to clean up their property to reduce the potential for health issues and further damage. For information on steps to restore and clean flood damaged properties, go to the Alberta Emergency Management Agency website at http://www.aema.gov.ab.ca/se_alberta_flood_information.cfm

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