



# SO YOU LIVE ON A LEVEE. WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

## Bethel Island Safety Suggestions

**Be aware! Be prepared! Stay Calm! Take action!**

Bethel Island is an island below sea level and protected by a perimeter levee. While levees reduced the threat of flooding, no system can eliminate all flood risk. There is always a risk that flooding will occur. During a flood event, **DO NOT** attempt to drive off the island. By preparing now and keeping updated, you are greatly improving the chances of survival for you and your loved ones.

Before

### **Know your risk**



1. Pack your emergency kit and keep it in an accessible place. Make an emergency plan with your family
2. Know your risk. Check where your property is on the Levee Flood Protection Zone.
3. To find the closest evacuation point, check [www.bimid.com](http://www.bimid.com)
4. Registration to receive Community Warning system alerts. You can register at <https://cwsalerts.com/registration>
5. On the Island you will hear Sirens, tested the first Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am
6. If you have family members or neighbours who need additional assistance, consider helping them plan
7. Consider getting flood insurance. Most home and renter's insurance do not cover flood damage. More info <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance>

During

### **Be prepared to act**



In the event of a flood, you may need to evacuate immediately, and/or survive on your own for at least 24 hours or longer. Help your family stay safe by staying calm and

1. Go to higher ground. Be prepared to walk your levee to safety off island, or walk to a levee evacuation point. **DO NOT DRIVE**. If unable to walk, call **9-1-1**
2. Listen to 740AM radio or marine channel (VHF) 16 for emergency instructions
3. Grab your emergency kit and prepare other items to take with you in the event of an evacuation
4. Turn off electricity at your breaker or fuse box and close your main gas valve. For fuel oil or propane tanks, turn off the fuel valve at the tank. Bring outdoor possessions inside or secure them adequately
5. Place sandbags anywhere water may enter your home. BIMID typically has sandbags available.
6. If floodwaters enter your home or business before you can leave safely, move to the highest level, including the roof
7. Depending on the food situation, evacuation assistance may come from various entities

After

### **Returning after a flood**



#### **If evacuated, do not return home until first responders have given the okay**

1. Once you return home, take pictures of any damage to your house and personal property. Call your insurance company for instructions to file a claim
2. Check the county website for information on recovery resources that may be available <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov>

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### Be prepared with the emergency supply kit

- ★ List of Emergency contacts
- ★ Household evacuation plan
- ★ Life Jackets PDF's for Each Member of the Family
- ★ First aid Kit
- ★ Medications (People and pets)
- ★ 1 gallon of water per person per day
- ★ Canned, dried or packaged food
- ★ Cups, plates , utensils
- ★ Manual can opener
- ★ Infant formula, bottles and diapers
- ★ Portable battery-powered radio
- ★ Extra batteries
- ★ Flashlight
- ★ Waterproof matches
- ★ Cell phone power cords/chargers
- ★ Season-appropriate clothing
- ★ Pet supplies (food, leash, collar)
- ★ Personal hygiene products and sunscreen
- ★ Copies of important papers such as insurance policies, identification, bank accounts
- ★ Multipurpose Tools
- ★ Emergency cash

### ***Emergency Contacts***

#### Non Bethel Island Contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### Other Emergency Contacts

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Practice Your Emergency Plan

Practice gathering all household members at your indoor and neighborhood emergency contacts and meeting outside of the area. Discuss how to help elderly and disabled household members. Make sure everyone knows the location of the emergency supply kit. Make a plan for pets & farm animals.

#### Closest Evacuation Point

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#### Location of Emergency Supply Kit

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#### In your neighbourhood

If household members are not home when an emergency strikes, make sure they know where to go for safety or where to meet up (such as nearby fire station)

#### Location

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#### Instructions

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#### Outside of neighbourhood

This is a place where your household will meet if they are separated and evacuated outside of the area. The meeting place could be the home of a relative or household friend

#### Location

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#### Instructions

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#### Phone

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#### Important Contacts

In an emergency call **9-1-1**  
Bethel Island Municipal  
Improvement District (BIMID)  
925 684-2210 (24 hours)