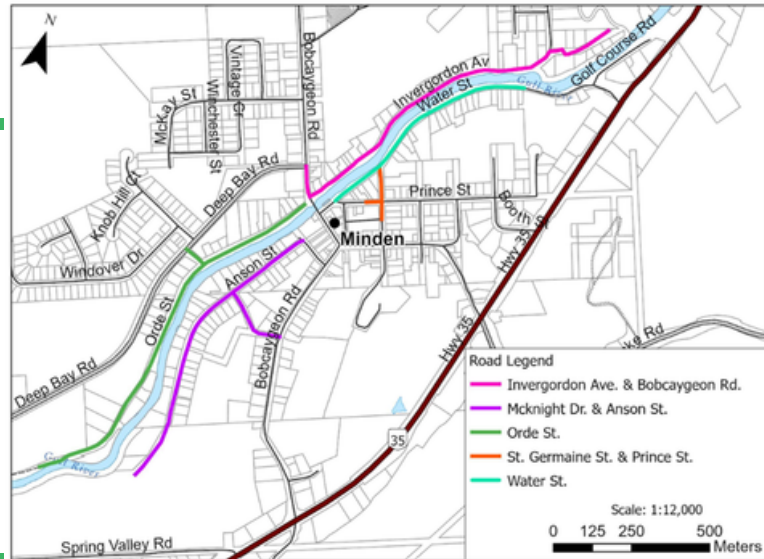


SANDBAG CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

- **Starting Monday, May 4th, sandbags can be brought to the curbside.**
 - Township staff and volunteers will begin curbside pickup service starting on May 5, for a two-week period.
 - Note: Sandbags should be placed on the curbside, not on the roadway.
- Please see the map below for identified areas receiving collection services.
- Should you be in that area or outside of that area and unable to move the sandbags on your own, please email flood2026@mindenhills.ca or call **705-286-1260 ext. 500**. We will be working with community volunteers to assist people to move the sandbags.
- Irondale properties can take their sandbags to the Irondale Community Centre.



- FAQ**
- Q What is in the sandbags?**
A The sandbags that were provided to the community were filled with clean sand.
- Q Can I use the sandbags on my own property?**
A Yes, you can use the sand on your own property should you like.
- Q Are the empty sandbags recyclable?**
A No, empty sandbags are not recyclable. Please place empty sandbags in with regular household waste.

For more information on the sandbag clean-up program, please visit:
<https://www.mindenhills.ca/living-in-minden-hills/flooding-2026/>

Questions related to the flood and recovery, please continue to email flood2026@mindenhills.ca or call **705-286-1260 ext. 500**.
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Safe Disposal of Sandbags - Guidance



Lakelands Public Health has important information related to flooding on their website:
<https://www.lakelandsph.ca/health-topics/emergency-preparedness/flooding/>.

Treat used sandbags as potentially contaminated

- Sandbags exposed to floodwater may contain sewage, chemicals, fuel, bacteria, or sharp debris

Wear appropriate protective gear

- Waterproof gloves (rubber or nitrile)
- Closed-toe, waterproof footwear/boots
- Long sleeves and long pants
- Eye protection and a mask if bags are dry and dusty (to prevent splashes from wet sandbags or remaining floodwater)
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer immediately after handling

Handle carefully to prevent injury

- Lift using proper technique; sandbags are heavy and may be unstable
- Do not open bags near storm drains, water bodies, or gardens

Dispose according to contamination status

- Clean, unused sand: may be reused for non-structural purposes.

Protect the environment

- Do not dump sand in lakes, rivers, wetlands, storm drains, or streets
- Do not spread flood-exposed sand on lawns, gardens, playground, or agricultural land

Clean and disinfect equipment

- Rinse tools, boots, and reusable PPE with clean water and disinfect when appropriate

Follow local waste authority instructions

- Disposal requirements may vary depending on flood conditions and local regulations

FLOOD 2026: COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP



HOUSEHOLD CLEANING KITS

Cleaning kits are available for pick-up at the Minden Community Centre, upper parking lot, triple door entrance, drive-thru style.

Dates and times are:

- Monday, May 11, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There are a limited quantity of 50 kits, and they will be available on a first come, first served basis.

IMPORTANT:

These cleaning kits are for general household cleaning only, and not to be used for mould remediation.

**For significant water damage,
please seek professional advice.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are experiencing a medical emergency and require immediate assistance, please call 9-1-1.

MENTAL HEALTH

If you are experiencing high levels of stress/anxiety or a crisis and require access to a mental health helpline, please text or call **1-855-310-COPE (2673)**; or **call or text 9-8-8** for 24-hour, free, confidential support.

Health811 is a free, 24/7 non-emergency health information and advice telephone service. Call 811 to connect with registered nurses, dieticians, or mental health professionals.

WELLNESS CHECKS

Community Paramedics can conduct wellness checks for vulnerable members of the community.

If you would like to request a wellness check for yourself or a family member, please call **705-457-3216**.

The phone number is staffed between 08:00 am and 08:00 pm.

THANK YOU to our Volunteers!

Thank you to our volunteers - you showed us what this community is all about!

On behalf of the Township and our community, thank you to every volunteer for your amazing efforts. We look forward to an event to recognize each of you - stay tuned for more info!

Flood Waste Material - Application Process

If your home/business was impacted by the flooding and you have items/materials that you need to bring to the waste facility, the Township has an application process available for those impacted.

Application for Relief from Waste Disposal Fees:

- The application form is available online: <https://forms.mindenhills.ca/Application-for-Relief-from-Waste-Disposal-Fees>
- Paper copies of the application form are available for pickup at Waste Disposal sites, the Township Admin Office and the Minden Arena.
- Requests for extensions/exceptions must be emailed to flood2026@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-1260 ext. 500.

NOTE: This program is intended for those who are not making a claim through insurance.

FOR MORE INFO:



Listen to Canoe FM 100.9 or 97.1 or Moose FM 93.5



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