



## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL RESIDENTS

The Town is working diligently to provide services and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to residents and its employees, and will continue to do so throughout this ever-evolving situation.

### RESIDENTS LIVING IN A FLOOD ZONE

If you live in a flood zone, you may be thinking ahead to flood season. Should a pronounced flood develop this year (of which there is no certainty) and evacuating your home is a possibility, make arrangements to stay with friends or family, rather than in an emergency shelter or hotel. This strategy will significantly reduce your risk of contracting COVID-19.

For a list of things to do before, during, and after flooding, see the reverse side of this document.

### FOR ALL RESIDENTS

It is always prudent to be autonomous for a minimum of 72 hours. Also consider the provisions you'd need if you had to accommodate a 14-day self-isolation or quarantine period.

A reminder that if you are aged 70 and over, or if your immunity system is compromised, the best way to mitigate your risk of catching COVID-19 is to self-isolate. **To find out about our new Buddy program, which pairs seniors in need with volunteers, call 450-458-6699 extension 0.**

**If you believe you have symptoms (fever, dry cough, shortness of breath), call 1-877-644-4545.**

### TOWN SERVICES

Effective immediately and until further notice:

1. Town Hall (481 Main Road) is closed except by appointment. Deposit payments and correspondence in the secure mailbox at the front door. To make an appointment, call 450-458-5347, extension 0, or email: [info@ville.hudson.qc.ca](mailto:info@ville.hudson.qc.ca)
2. Urban Planning (64 Cedar) is closed except by appointment. Call 450-458-5347, extension 0 or email: [info@ville.hudson.qc.ca](mailto:info@ville.hudson.qc.ca) to make an appointment.
3. All activities and events at the Stephen F. Shaar Community Centre (394 Main Road) are suspended.

The internet is full of rumours and false news often designed to perpetuate a cycle of high anxiety. Always source your information through trusted news sources. Keep up to date on measures taken by the Town of Hudson at: [www.hudson.quebec](http://www.hudson.quebec), and click on **CORONAVIRUS MEASURES**. The page is updated at the end of each day.



## IN CASE OF FLOODING

Floods can occur in all seasons. They usually occur during spring thaw and during heavy rain. You can limit the damage and inconvenience by performing certain actions.

### WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF FLOODING ALERTS:

- All objects that are in the basement or ground floor should be elevated or stored on upper floors.
- Block the drain in the basement.
- Shut-off gas and electricity. If the water begins to rise, ensure that you stand on a dry surface and use a wooden stick to turn off the power.
- Follow any updates on the radio, television or the internet. Comply with the safety instructions transmitted.

### WHAT TO DO DURING FLOODING:

- Leave your home if the water reaches a dangerous level or if demanded by the authorities.
- Take some essential items such as warm clothes and raingear if it rains.
- If you use a vehicle, drive carefully and do not hesitate to abandon it if the engine stalls.
- Notify the municipal authorities of the place you have relocated to if you do not go to an identified municipal shelter.

### WHAT TO DO AFTER THE WATER HAS RETREATED:

- Consult an electrician before reconnecting any power.
- Consult a specialist before restarting any heating systems.
- Contact the municipality to ensure that the water is drinkable. If in doubt, boil for 5 minutes. If your drinking water comes from a well, have it analyzed before consumption.
- Clean items that were contaminated by flooding: remove the water and discard all absorbing materials such as plasterboard, mineral wool, carpets, pressed wood, etc.
- Discard all perishable and non-perishable food and medications that have been in contact with water.
- Sterilize contaminated kitchen items in boiling water.
- Pay attention to the mold (moldy, dirt or alcohol odors, green or black spots on the floor or walls) that can cause health problems. If you are experiencing health problems, see a doctor immediately or seek psychosocial support, especially from a Vaudreuil-Soulanges CLSC.
- Make an inventory of water damage to your property, with support of pictures or videos. Contact your municipality and your insurer. Keep all receipts and proof of purchase of damaged property for claims evidence.

For more information go to [www.hudson.quebec](http://www.hudson.quebec)