



## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

### Guide to spring thaw and flooding

#### GETTING PREPARED

These are some tips to reduce the likelihood of spring flood damage:

- Make sure that water running down the gutters flows out at a sufficient distance from the house and in the opposite direction.
- Install a sump pump and floor drain with check valve in your basement.
- Check that your pump is in good condition and working properly.
- Do not store valuables or important documents in the basement.
- Items in the basement or on the ground floor should be stored high up or taken upstairs.
- Protect your electric, natural gas and propane heating appliances.
- Assemble an emergency kit. This should include drinking water, non-perishable food, manual can opener, flashlight, radio, first aid kit, prescription drugs, lighter or matches, whistle, road map or GPS, blanket.
- Keep essential items handy, including credit card, debit card, ID, cell phone and charger, change of clothing, spare car and house keys.

#### SHUTTING OFF THE ELECTRICITY

Only turn off the power supply if the area around the electrical panel is completely dry. If in doubt, contact Hydro-Québec at 1-800-790-2424 to shut off the electricity. Make sure you are standing on a dry surface and use a wooden stick to turn off the supply. When shutting off the electricity, stay away from the electrical panel and turn your head aside to avoid facing it directly.

**Do not attempt to shut off the power supply if there is water nearby. Water in contact with electrical wiring can lead to fatal consequences.**

#### STAYING IN TOUCH

The City of L'Île-Perrot uses several means to communicate information about municipal matters. Sign up for the different platforms and check them regularly:

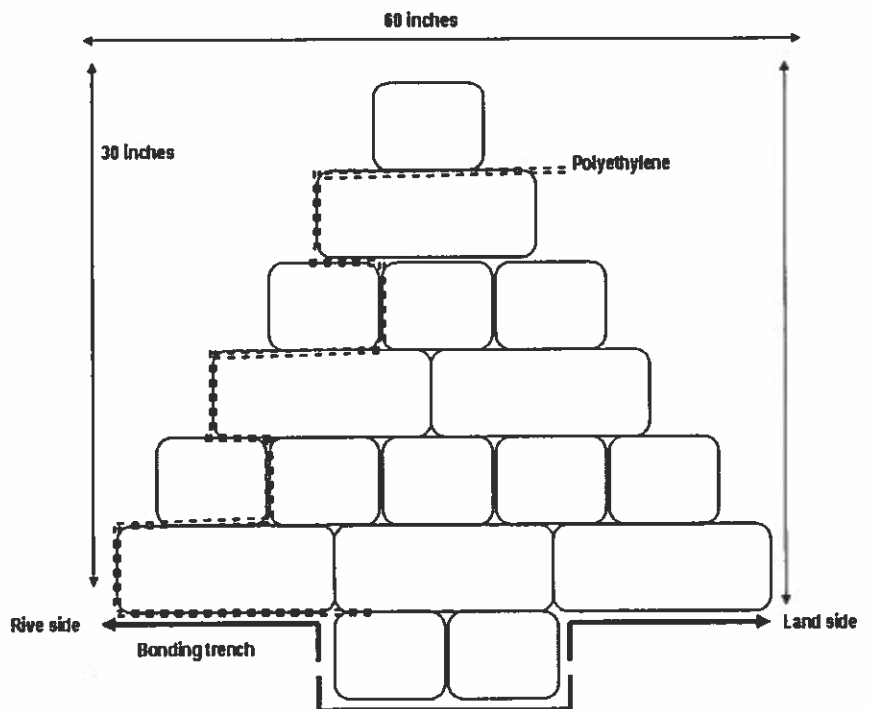
- City of L'Île-Perrot website under the *Crue des eaux* tab that shows the situation visually
- Information and warning system
- City of L'Île-Perrot Facebook page
- Local radio CJVD (100.1 FM)

If you think you are in danger, dial 911.



## Flood protection

Cross-section of a sandbag dike



### Building a sandbag dike

In an emergency, a sandbag dike can provide good protection against flooding.

- Place the bags of the bottom layer perpendicular to the direction of the dike or riverbank. Wherever possible, build the dike on firm ground; avoid building on snow or ice. To help the dike better withstand water pressure, dig a bonding trench and use it as a foundation, as shown in the diagram above.
- Do not fill the bags completely. Partially filled bags bond together better and are less likely to shift.
- Alternate the direction of the bags from one layer to the next (perpendicular to the dike, parallel to the dike, etc.). Alternating layers will make the dike stronger.
- In order to avoid seepage, it is a good idea to weave a polyethylene sheet between the bags that are exposed to the water. The polyethylene sheet must extend from ground level up to the second to last layer. Weave it between the bags as shown in the diagram.

## Emergency Kit

It's important to have an emergency kit in your home. Make sure it contains **enough material, food and water to meet your family's basic needs for at least the first 3 days of an emergency situation.**

Keep your emergency kit in a place that is easy to access. Check its contents yearly and replace batteries and water supplies as required.

## Essential Items to Keep in Your Emergency Kit

Always have the following items in your home. Ideally, they should be placed in a backpack or a storage bin:

- Drinking water** — two litres per person per day, for at least 3 days;
- Non-perishable food** — enough for at least 3 days;
- Manual can opener;**
- Battery-operated radio** — spare batteries;
- Flashlight or headlamp** — spare batteries, or a hand-crank flashlight or headlamp;
- Lighter or matches and candles;**
- First Aid kit** — antiseptic, pain medication, adhesive bandages, sterile gauze pads, scissors, etc.;
- Whistle** — to signal your presence to rescuers;
- Dust masks** — to filter contaminated air;
- Map or GPS;**
- Compass;**
- Sunglasses and sun lotion;**
- Pocketknife;**
- Small toolbox;**
- Tent, sleeping bag and foam mat;**
- Camping stove, fuel and kitchen utensils;**
- Personal care items;**
- Over-the-counter medications (antihistamine, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, etc.);**
- Prescription medications (prescribed by your doctor);**
- Garbage bags;**
- Hiking shoes or boots;**
- Waterproof clothing;**