Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa

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10 April 2017

Summary

Any areas that were flooded in last week's storm event are likely know to be flooded again, if the weather forecasts we have are accurate.

If you were flooded last week, make sure you have an evacuation plan.

And make sure you know where the nearest, safe emergency accommodation location is.

Areas which lost their road access last week are also likely to be affected again.

Civil Defence Advice

- Avoid unnecessary travel particularly in heavy weather
- Be aware that significant storm surges are likely
- Have an evacuation plan in place for your immediate family and pets
- Have a supply of fresh food and enough clean water for three days ready to go
- Clear gutters and storm water grates of any debris
- Monitor the weather situation closely – checking online for Civil Defence updates or on SunFM, Tumeke and 1XX FM
- Stay alert to the risks – this includes flooding and any cracking or shifting of the ground (If safe to do so, please phone the Whakatāne District Council immediately and leave your premises)
- If you feel unsafe, self-evacuate and do it early
- People can sign up for BOP Civil Defence text alerts by texting the two letters for your area where you live to 2028
    - TA – Tauranga
    - WB – Western Bay
    - KA – Kawerau
    - WH – Whakatane
    - RO – Rotorua
    - OP - Opotiki

Ngāti Awa

- We are in contact with marae to identify marae who may be able to assist and care for Ngāti Awa whanau and evacuees if required. If your marae wants to be included please contact Tu O'Brien at 021 194 6857 to ensure that your marae will be resourced by Civil Defence. If your marae opens without notifying Tu O'Brien or the Emergency Operations Centre, you will not be resourced and will be responsible for marae expenses.
- Ngāti Awa Rūnanga Representatives are stationed at the Civil Defence Control Centre at the Whakatane District Council
- Te Tohu o te Ora o Ngāti Awa are stationed at Evacuation Centres and are providing support at the Edgecumbe cordon area
- Hokowhitu Marae is receiving koha – food, clothing, towels and blankets
- Ruaihona Marae is hosting Maori Wardens and volunteer training

Kia mataara tātau. Tiakina wa tātau whānau.

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