

Flood Recovery 2022

What you need to know

If you were evacuated from your home

- Make sure you are registered on the evacuee list with your community.
 - Do not return to your property or enter the risk area until safety officials advise it is safe to do so.
 - Document and keep track of all of your expenses.
 - **Please be aware that if you choose to stay somewhere other than the evacuation accommodations provided by your local authority or the GNWT (if assessed as medically necessary), your expenses are not refundable**
- Contact your insurance company for information on next steps.

Returning to your home

Safety Assessment

- Once water recedes, local officials will do an initial assessment to determine if it is safe for evacuees to return to their properties,

Preliminary Damage Assessment

- A preliminary damage assessment will also be done to get an estimate of damages for the whole disaster area. This is a high level scan to help identify properties and infrastructure that require a detailed damage assessment.

Emergency Work

- Emergency work that requires quick action to prevent further damages (e.g. mould abatement) may be identified. Work with your insurance company to arrange for emergency work covered by insurance. The GNWT may hire a contractor to complete emergency work not covered under insurance if the GNWT Disaster Assistance Policy (DAP) is implemented.

Detailed Damage Assessments

- Detailed damage assessments are required if the DAP is implemented by the GNWT. If the DAP is implemented, it means Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) may be available to residents, small businesses and communities. Those who apply for DFA must use the detailed damage assessment to submit claims.
- Typically, it takes a number of weeks to complete these damage assessments. In the meantime, after safety officials have ensured it is safe, residents and property owners are encouraged to dry out their homes/properties and clean up debris. Remember to keep a detailed list and document (take pictures) of all damages to provide to an assessor.

Disaster Assistance Policy (DAP)

- After a widespread disaster, the GNWT DAP may be implemented. GNWT Pathfinders can assist residents with the DAP application process. Pathfinders can be contacted at: flood@gov.nt.ca

Communities and residents need to be aware that the DAP is not an insurance program to recover all losses. It is a government-funded assistance program to ensure essential community functioning; and cover the essential basic needs of residents and businesses. Disaster assistance is limited to essential items, the loss of which was neither preventable nor insurable.