

After the storm:

Tips to keep your family safe from injury

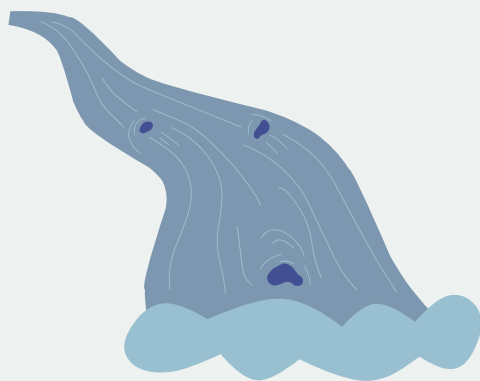


Be aware of storm damage on your property

Storms can leave behind fallen trees, downed power lines, broken glass and more. Keep children away from these hazards until they all have been assessed and cleaned up.

Tools: for adults only

Storm clean up can be very dangerous work. Keep children away from power tools, fuel containers, ladders and utility vehicles, and areas where you are using these items.



Keep away from all bodies of water that may be higher than usual.

Storms can cause rivers and streams to be high and fast, and ocean shores to have dangerous waves and currents. Keep everyone away from these dangers until waters have calmed down.

Be aware of carbon monoxide risks.

Use portable generators, charcoal /gas barbeques and camp stoves OUTSIDE the house and garage, and at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and vents.



Be aware of food safety

Throw away all perishable food that has not been kept properly refrigerated or frozen during a power outage, or that has come in contact with flood or stormwater. When in doubt, throw it out.



Visit www.redcross.ca/ready for information on how you can prepare your household for an emergency or power outage.

Questions about poisons or toxic substances? Contact the Atlantic Canada Poison Centre at 1-844-POISON-X for expert advice.