



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, CITY OF KETCHIKAN, AND CITY OF SAXMAN

EOC UPDATE: EMERGENCY EVACUATION RECOMMENDATION

Date: December 5, 2020
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For Immediate Release

An immediate evacuation of the areas around Ketchikan Creek is recommended.

Based on the current rain flow, conditions are developing that could cause a breach and failure of the Ketchikan Lakes dam by 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning. **An immediate voluntary evacuation of the areas around Ketchikan Creek is recommended.** Conditions will be monitored, but a **mandatory evacuation is expected by 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning.**

Affected Areas:

Properties to evacuate include Park Avenue, Harris Street, Freeman Street, Totem Drive, Nickey Way, Woodland Avenue, Deermount Street (above Woodland Ave), Creek Street, and areas East of Bawden Street (on Dock Street, Mission Street and Mill Street). The Mary Frances apartment complex is NOT considered at risk. (See maps below.)

Notification:

For this initial voluntary evacuation at 6:00 p.m., first responders will be going door to door to notify at risk homes. However, do not wait for someone to contact you if you are in one of the affected areas.

For the expected mandatory evacuation at 3:00 a.m.

1. A Nixle alert will be sent to cell phones registered with Nixle
2. The emergency sirens will sound at Fair Street and the Station 1 Fire Station
3. KPD will patrol with loudspeakers

Where to Go:

It is recommended that you first attempt to stay with friends or family. The rainfall is expected to continue, so please take enough medication and clothing for 48-72 hours with you.

The Gateway Recreation Center is available to anyone who cannot find shelter elsewhere beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday 12/5, with cots and blankets.

If you cannot evacuate yourself, a Borough bus will be available to take you to the Rec Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Make sure to look for the bus labeled: Ketchikan, AK.

If you plan to stay at the Rec Center, please bring the following with you, some prepackaged food, one small bag with clothes and medication for 48-72 hours.

What to do with Pets:

It is preferred that you take pets elsewhere when you evacuate, but if you cannot take your pet, there is limited space available at the Borough Animal Shelter, at 1111 Stedman. Pets can be taken to the shelter beginning at 6:00 p.m., until 3:00 a.m. If you cannot transport your pet to

the Animal Shelter, they may be temporarily taken to the Rec Center, but they cannot remain at the center. A Borough employee will transport the animal to the shelter from the Rec Center.

Bus Route:

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Borough bus will attempt to make several passes, which will each take about 20 minutes, following this route: down Park Avenue to Bawden St., turning left onto Mill St. to Creek St., heading south on Stedman and turning left up Deermount, before proceeding to the Rec Center. The buses will be looking for people and you will not have to be at a spot. If you need to flag down the bus, please use your phone flashlight or other light to draw the driver's attention. To see the bus location and route go to: ktn.doublemap.com and select "Flood Evacuation Route". Transit Office number is (907) 225-8726.

Important Numbers:

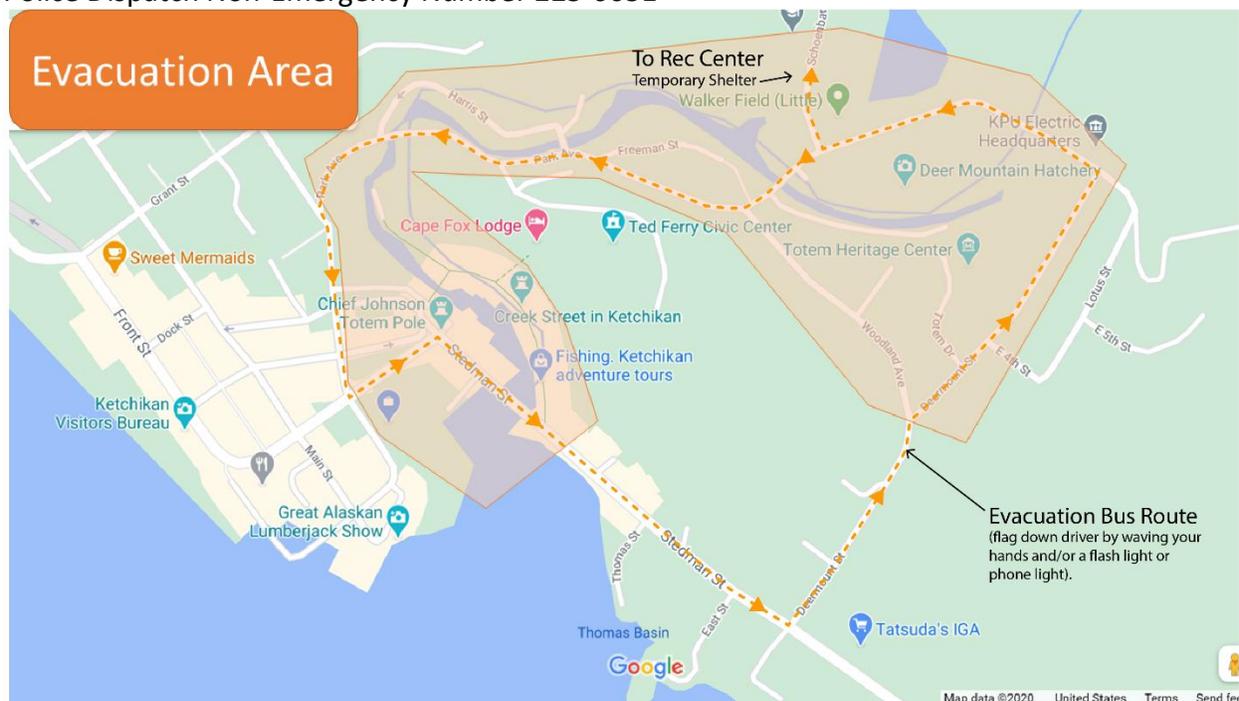
To register for Nixle alerts for Ketchikan, please text the numbers 99901 to 888777 on your smartphone.

Transit Office number is (907) 225-8726

EOC PIO Number: 907-228-2464 or 907-228-6604

Animal Protection's Number is 907-228-6660

Police Dispatch Non-Emergency Number 225-6631



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