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Emergency Preparedness Week

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An Update from us on the Alert Ready system

As noted in Friday's Village Update, May 2-8 is Emergency Preparedness week in Canada. This year's theme is *Be Prepared for Anything*. Part of being prepared for anything is to keep in mind how to use the tools available to us during an emergency.

On Wednesday May 5, 2021 at 1:55pm (PST), 2:55 pm (MST), Emergency Management BC will conduct a test of the [Alert Ready](#) system.

[Alert Ready](#) is a Canada-wide system that allows government officials in each province and territory to issue public safety alerts through major television and radio broadcasters, as well as compatible wireless devices. This system is only used during large-scale disasters or emergencies where loss of life is possible or imminent. During the test, the public will hear this **alert** tone, along with the message below, on radio and TV. They could also hear or see the message on radio, TV and compatible wireless devices. If your device was configured to receive a vibration or other alert, rather than a tone, you would have received the test warning that way.

"This is a TEST of the British Columbia Emergency Alerting System, issued by Emergency Management British Columbia. This is ONLY a TEST. If this had been an actual emergency or threat, you would now see or hear instructions that would assist you to protect you and your family. For further information go to www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca This is ONLY a TEST, no action is required."

Note: Messages delivered through Alert Ready will not replace [LBAAlert](#) or other existing notification methods via web and social media (Emergency Info BC & @EmergencyInfoBC), or the Provincial Emergency Notification System (PENS).

For additional tips on using technology during an emergency, click [here](#).

Sincerely,

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