

## **Warning about excessive and extremely high flows in Kronoberg County**

The recent heavy rainfall has led to high flows and high-water levels in the county's watercourses.

SMHI has issued Class 2 warnings for very high flows in large parts of the county. A Class 3 warning has been issued for the lower parts of Lagan as well as for Bolmån, downstream of Lake Kösen. This means extremely high flows in these watercourses.

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The affected watercourses in Kronoberg County are in both large and small streams with high, very high and extremely high flows. Class 2 warning applies to Ronnebyån, Mörrumsån and Lagan. Class 3 warning applies to parts of Lagan. The forecast continues to rain in the coming days.

At present, there is no serious impact on most roads or railways in Kronoberg. Problems may arise on route 27 north from Kronoberg County, the individual paths may be more or less affected. Therefore, be careful on route 27 and on minor roads.

Follow the information on the [Swedish Transport Administration's website](#).

The public is urged not to stay in flooded areas as there is a risk that embankments give way and people will face the strong currents, especially children should be kept away from such areas.

If you live near any of the watercourses, it will be good to have your own hand tools. That you have access to water, food, heat and that you have access to information.

Listen to information and recommendations from the authorities. Information is provided via the emergency radio channel Sweden's Radio P4.

### **What are we working on right now?**

The County Administrative Board has joined the staff and coordinates work on Lagan, Mörrumsån, and Ronnebyån watercourses. We also monitor and manage events in the whole county.

Collaboration meetings take place today (Sunday) between the actors linked to the Lagan and a collaboration meeting between the actors linked to Mörrumsån and Ronnebyån.

Discussions during the meeting are held between municipalities, emergency services, power source companies, the Swedish Transport Administration, the County Administrative Board and water regulators.

The meetings contribute, among other things, to collaboration to manage water regulation for the watercourses. Besides, the meetings contribute to the assessment of critical points along the watercourses in terms of the impact on people's lives, health, and important social activities.

Some examples of critical points under review:

This involves, among other things, reviewing smaller roads that may be flooded.

Consider which walkways and bicycle bridges can be an obstacle to water flows. There the railings are removed and close the bridge.

Ensure that watercourses are cleaned and remove debris and trees that may endanger the flow of water.

Here you will find more information at each municipality:

[Alvesta kommun](#)

[Tingsryds kommun](#)

[Lessebo kommun](#)

[Uppvidinge kommun](#)

[Växjö kommun](#)

[Ljungby kommun](#)

[Markaryds kommun](#)

### **General information about traffic impact:**

There is no impact on the major roads currently. However, there may be water on smaller or sub roads.

See information on the [Swedish Transport Administration's website](#).

### **Review your preparedness**

Flooding can lead to blackouts and problems with water supply. As always, it is better to review your preparedness.

- Have a flashlight, matches, candles and battery radio on hand in case if there are blackouts.
- Charge your mobile phone.
- If you have a well with an electric pump - be sure to pump up water.
- Have water tanks at home.

More tips and advice on home tools at [www.dinsakerhet.se](http://www.dinsakerhet.se)

### **Tips on how to protect your house and property**

This is how you prepare for and act on the flood at [www.Krisinformation.se](http://www.Krisinformation.se)

### **General advice to property owners:**

- Sealed basement windows and ventilation openings.
- Place the car in a high place.
- Make it easier for stormwater to drain away by clearing ditches, wells and drainage grids from leaves and other debris.
- Temporary barriers can stop a minor flood. The easiest way is to build a sand wall and then cover it with plastic. You can also use sandbags. Consider in advance where is the best position for a temporary barrier, so that it protects what is most important.
- Move furniture and electrical appliances higher up in your house or place them on some form of elevation.
- Find out where the main power switch is located and how to cut off the power completely.
- Make sure your mobile phone is charged.

- Keep in touch with neighbors. You may need to help each other.
- Check what your home insurance says about damage caused by flooding.
- Take pictures of the rooms in your house to show it to the insurance company if needed.

**Information for water organizers:**

Here you can find [information for water organizers](#).

**Definition of warning levels:**

- Class 3 warning means extremely high flows:  
Extremely high flows in streams occur on average every 50 years and it causes serious flood problems.
- Class 2 warning means very high flows:  
Very high flows in streams occur on average between every 10 years and every 50 years. it causes flood problems at vulnerable places.
- Class 1 warning means high flows:  
High flows in streams occur on average between every two and ten years. May cause minor flooding problems.

Source: SMHI (The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute).

**Follow the weather on SMHI's website** <https://www.smhi.se>

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