

# Burst water main floods Kingsway mall

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A fifth of Kingsway Mall was flooded Friday when a water main broke about 1 p.m.

Some shoppers were asked to leave as roughly 20 per cent of the ground floor of the mall had ankle-deep water and stores were closed.

The mall's contracted cleaning company has recruited staff from other malls to assist in an effort to get all the stores ready to open again this morning.

The top floor, and most of the second, including the food court, remained open Friday. The eastern portion was affected the most.

The water was at least two inches deep shortly after the flood started, said Natalie Shewchuk, the mall's property manager. "It's already looking a lot better than it was before, and we'll be here all night if we have to."

The mall, at 109th Street and Kingsway, was under renovations for roughly two years, until late last year.



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Employees try to sweep the water drenching the floor of their store in Kingsway Garden Mall on Friday afternoon.