



IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

**RESOURCES & INFORMATION
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**





EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDES

Personal Emergency Preparedness

If an emergency happens in your community, you may need to be away from your home or, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. Use the 72 Hour guide to make your family plan and create your kit.

Emergency Preparedness Guide for People with Disabilities/Special Needs

While disasters and emergencies affect everyone, their impact on people with disabilities / special needs is often compounded by factors such as reliance on electrical power, elevators, accessible transportation and accessible communication – all of which can be compromised in emergency situations. Get your guide for people with disabilities/special needs here.

Emergency Preparedness for Farm Animals, Pets and Service Animals

From barn fires to hazardous materials spills to natural disasters, emergency situations often call for special measures to shelter, care for, or transport farm pets, livestock, and poultry. Safeguard your animals, your property and your business by taking precautions now, no matter what the risks are in your area. Additional information and assistance can be provided by your veterinarian.

Pets and Service Animals also need to be included in your emergency plan. The best way to protect your pet in an emergency is to bring it with you. Most evacuation shelters will only accept service animals. Make a list of where your pet can be taken in case you need to evacuate.

Get a PDF printable version of the above-mentioned guides by visiting www.getprepared.gc.ca or scan the code below with your phone's camera!



SPECIFIC HAZARDS

Floods: Floods are the most frequent natural hazards in Canada, and the most costly in terms of property damage. Floods can occur in any region, in the countryside or in cities. In the past, floods have affected hundreds of thousands of Canadians. They can occur at any time of the year and are most often caused by heavy rainfall, rapid melting of a thick snow pack, ice jams, or more rarely, the failure of a natural or human-made dam.

Stay up to date on river basin levels by visiting www.rivers.alberta.ca or download the app

Wildfires: Wildfires are a natural hazard in any forested and grassland region in Canada. The regions with the highest wildfire occurrence are British Columbia, and the Boreal forest zones of Ontario, Quebec, the Prairie provinces, and the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Forest fires or wildfires are common occurrences from May to September. Natural Resources Canada's Canadian Wildland Fire Information System provides detailed information about wildfire conditions across Canada.

Stay up to date on fire bans and wildfire status by visiting www.wildfire.alberta.ca or download the app

Power Outages: Most power outages will be over almost as soon as they begin, but some can last much longer — up to days or even weeks. Power outages are often caused by freezing rain, sleet storms and/or high winds which damage power lines and equipment. Cold snaps or heat waves can also overload the electric power system. During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. If you only have a cordless phone, you will also be left without phone service. If you do not have a battery-powered or crank radio, you may have no way of monitoring news broadcasts. In other words, you could be facing major challenges. Everyone has a responsibility to protect their homes and their families.

Get outage alerts and updates by visiting www.atco.com or download the app

Severe Storms: Thunderstorms, hail, blizzards, ice storms, hurricanes, storm surges, tornadoes and heavy rain can develop quickly and threaten life and property. These severe storms occur in all regions of Canada and in all seasons. When one strikes, visit Environment Canada's Weather office website and listen to the local media for severe weather warnings and advice. Keep a battery-powered or crank radio on hand as power outages can be frequent during severe storms.

Stay up to date on weather alerts by visiting www.weather.gc.ca

More about specific hazards at www.getprepared.gc.ca





THE DIFFERENT EVACUATION STAGES

Did you know there are different evacuation warning stages? Warning messages come in three stages: *Evacuation Alert*, *Evacuation Order*, and *Evacuation Rescind*.



Evacuation Alert

When an **Evacuation Alert** is used to inform the community of a potential or current threat that could lead to an evacuation order. An Evacuation Alert allows for the affected population to **begin preparations to evacuate** (fueling vehicles, gathering documents, preparing food and water, etc.) whilst providing them with information regarding the possible evacuation.



Evacuation Order

When an **Evacuation Order** is issued the impacted population should **leave the specified area immediately**. Such an order would be done under a State of Local Emergency and would be broadcast as a Critical Alert over the Alberta Emergency Alert system.



Evacuation Rescind

A **Evacuation Order Rescind** occurs when the Director of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Incident Commander, determines that it is safe to return. Information will then be given on the process to return to your home.

ALERT READY & ALBERTA EMERGENCY ALERT

Alert Ready is Canada's emergency alerting system. Alert Ready delivers critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians through television, radio and LTE-connected and compatible wireless devices. The Alert Ready system was developed with many partners, including federal, provincial and territorial emergency management officials, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Pelmorex, the broadcasting industry and wireless service providers. Together, these partners work to ensure Canadians receive alerts immediately and know when to take action to stay safe.

Learn more, hear an example alert tone and see if your device is compatible at www.alertready.ca

Alberta Emergency Alert: Disaster can occur anywhere, at any time. It is your responsibility to ensure you are prepared if a disaster occurs. Alberta Emergency Alerts are issued to assist you—providing you with critical information about an immediate disaster, where it is occurring and what action you need to take.

Alerts are distributed to the public through various outlets including:

- Radio and Television
- Internet
- RSS Feed
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Road Signage
- Alberta Emergency Alert App

More about Alberta Emergency Alert:
www.albertaemergencyalert.ca



72 Hour Kit Contents (Shelter in Place)



Basic Items:

- Water – minimum two litres of water per person per day; include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order
- Food that won't spoil; canned food, energy bars, dried foods (replace food and water once a year)
- Manual can-opener
- Crank or battery-powered flashlight with extra batteries (replace batteries every year)
- First aid kit
- Extra keys to your car and house
- Some cash in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills and change
- A copy of your emergency plan and contact information
- Other items; prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, food/water/medication for your pets or service animal.

Additional Items:

- Two additional litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning
- Candles and matches or lighter (place candles in deep, sturdy containers and do not burn unattended)
- Change of clothing, footwear, sleeping bag/warm blanket for each family member
- Hand sanitizer
- Utensils
- Extra garbage bags
- Toilet paper
- Basic tool kit
- A whistle (in case you need to attract attention)
- Duct tape (to tape up windows, doors, air vents, etc.)

Go Bag (Evacuation Packing List)



Even with plenty of notice, people can forget what to pack during an evacuation alert. Grab your 72 Hour Kit, in addition to the items below, when you evacuate.

- Copies of prescriptions or extra medication
- Old/spare eyeglasses
- Spare car & house keys
- Personal I.D.
- Legal documents for each family member; such as birth certificate, marriage certificate, adoption paperwork, last will and testament, passport, citizenship papers, Insurance policies (home, auto, life, etc.)
- Banking info and cheque books
- Money (small bills and change)
- Credit card information
- Copy of your emergency plan
- Cell phone chargers and adapters
- Contact list and other important phone numbers
- A list of personal items in your home that you would want to take with you, if time allowed (such as photo albums, computers, back-up hard drive, family heirlooms etc.)
- Jewelry and other valuables
- Clothing and shoes for each family member
- Comfort items for children; stuffies, blankets, etc.
- Toiletries and baby supplies (diapers, wipes, etc.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Spare blankets
- Pet supplies; food, carriers, leashes, collars, bowl, medications, toys, waste disposal baggies, etc.

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES



FireSmart

FireSmart Canada leads the development of resources and programs designed to empower the public and increase community resilience to wildfire across Canada. Learn how to make your home 'FireSmart' at www.firesmartcanada.ca or download the app!

GetPrepared.gc.ca

More in depth information and resources related to emergency preparedness and the hazards your region may experience. Learn more at www.getprepared.gc.ca

AHS Air Quality

Learn more about air quality precautions, current advisories and more at www.albertahealthservices.ca/news/air.aspx

PRAMP Air Quality

Peace River Area Monitoring Program (PRAMP) monitoring air quality to ensure a healthy environment in the Peace River area. Visit the website and see live data at www.prampairshed.ca

Government of Alberta Active Emergency Alerts

Up to date information related to current alerts in the province. Visit <https://www.alberta.ca/emergency.aspx>

Alberta Wildfires

Information related to fire prevention, current wildfires and fire bans. Learn more at www.wildfire.alberta.ca or download the app!