



Town of Fort Smith

Emergency Preparedness

Guide

*IT IS UP TO EACH OF US
TO BE AS PREPARED AS
POSSIBLE*

A booklet is also available at Town Hall titled “Your Emergency Preparedness Guide”. For more information on emergency preparedness, visit the website www.GetPrepared.ca.

BE PREPARED

Your best protection in any emergency is knowing what to do before the emergency happens. Here are some tips to help you prepare:

- Identify the risks that may result in an emergency.
- Prepare yourself and your family with an emergency plan.
- Assemble an emergency kit.
- Check emergency plans at your children's school or daycare, at work and if you have someone in the hospital or special care home.
- Practice the plan as a family at least once a year.



IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED?

EMERGENCY KIT – BASICS

- First Aid Kit
- Small fuel driven stove and fuel (always follow manufacturer's directions for storage and use)
- Waterproof matches, plastic garbage bags, duct tape and paper towels
- Disposable plates and glasses, knives, forks, spoons, manual can opener and bottle opener
- Blankets
- Copy of your emergency plan and contact information.
- Special needs items as required: prescription medication; infant formula; equipment for people with disabilities; pet requirements
- Check www.getprepared.ca for additional items you may wish to have on hand

FOOD AND WATER FOR AT LEAST 3 DAYS

- At least four litres of bottled water per person per day
- Canned food: soups, stews, beans, pasta, meat, poultry, fish, fruits and vegetables
- Energy bars and dried foods
- Honey, peanut butter, nuts, syrup, jams, salt and pepper, sugar, instant coffee and tea

SURVIVAL KIT

- Food and water
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Crank or battery operated radio
- Candles and matches or lighter
- Whistle (in case you need to attract attention)
- Toiletries, spare eyeglasses and other personal items
- First Aid kit and prescription drugs
- Extra set of keys and money (including small change for pay telephones)
- Copies of important documents (identification, personal papers)
- For winter emergencies: winter clothing, boots and sleeping bags

EMERGENCY CAR KIT

- Matches and candles in a metal container
- Spare clothing and shoes, blanket
- Tow rope, jumper cables, windshield washer fluid
- Warning light or road flares
- First Aid kit with seatbelt cutter
- Water and emergency food
- Road maps, whistle and flashlight
- Fire Extinguisher
- During the winter: shovel; scraper and snow brush; sand, salt or cat litter; antifreeze; sleeping bags

PET KIT

- Food and water
- Cages and leashes
- Prescriptions

**Keep Your Fuel Tank
at least $\frac{3}{4}$ full at all times**

Things to know when there is an emergency that may require an evacuation

There are three stages for evacuation notices

Evacuation Alert

Authorities will alert the public at risk of the potential for evacuation because of the danger of possible loss of life and they should prepare to evacuate the area. This warning will be transmitted by:

- Door to door campaign with pamphlets delivered
- Radio broadcast on CBC (860 AM)
- Mobile public address announcements
- Electronic media (Website www.fortsmith.ca or www.facebook.com/pages/The-Town-of-Fort-Smith-NT)

Evacuation Order

Mandatory evacuation will be ordered if required. It means you must leave the area immediately. All persons in the affected area will be required to leave the area. The police will enforce the Evacuation Order.

All Clear

When the emergency is under control and it is declared safe to return to the area, a retraction of the evacuation order will be implemented. Check CBC Radio and www.fortsmith.ca

Evacuation Information

Most residents will evacuate in personal vehicles and will be responsible for all personal luggage.

Those without personal vehicles will be evacuated via ground transportation – go to the Recreation and Community Centre to register. These evacuees will be limited in the amount of luggage that they can take with them. This will be determined by the Coordinator at the time of declaration. All luggage must be clearly identified and will be transported separately.

Muster Stations

All residents with vehicles will be directed to load their family and Emergency Kit and drive to the nearest road leading to Highway 5. At the southern end of each road (Park Drive, Paddle Street, Pelican Street, Portage Avenue, Breynat Street, King Street, Raven Crescent, Trout Street), EMO Auxiliary personnel will collect completed registration forms, check for sufficient fuel, and will provide the driver with an Evacuation Information Sheet. Vehicles will then be directed to either Old Bell Rock or the Pine Lake Road.

If you choose to drive out of the community, you would do so at your own risk and expense. You should register with the Town before departure so we are aware you have departed.

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW

If there is an evacuation by air, you will be restricted to one carry-on size bag per person. Also, make sure you carry anything like prescriptions or other necessities you may need on your person in case your baggage is delayed in arriving at the reception site. Ensure you have cash and important papers such as birth certificates, passports, health care, credit cards, bank cards, driver's license, insurance with you.

Please complete your registration form ASAP

If you have any questions contact
the Town Hall 872-8400.