

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Review this checklist and prepare for a quick and safe evacuation.

Essentials for Your "Go Bag" ----- *(Create one for each household member who is old enough to carry one)*

→ ONLY TAKE WHAT YOU CAN, USE A COMFORTABLE/EASY TO CARRY BACKPACK – DO NOT OVERPACK!

- ✓ In a Ziploc bag, gather all important documents: ID, passports, birth certificates, health cards, banking info, insurance policies, investment documents
- ✓ Cash (in small bills). Include debit and credit cards in case ATMs are still functional.
- ✓ Essential medications & a list of prescriptions. You should also include basics like Advil and important vitamins
- ✓ Non-perishable food & water: Please ration responsibly and consider including electrolyte packets or nutrient-dense foods
- ✓ Make a video of your possessions, house, and property. Save the file on a flash drive in a Ziploc bag
- ✓ A small external hard drive or flash drive containing: Important photos and documents you don't want to lose. Use Ziploc bag!
- ✓ A small address book with important contacts: Doctors, clinics, insurance companies, etc.
- ✓ Cell phone charger
- ✓ Portable two-way radios & chargers (ensure they are fully charged)
- ✓ Small, battery-operated AM/FM radio for emergency broadcasts
- ✓ Personal hygiene items (travel-sized)
- ✓ Clothing for 3–4 days
- ✓ Supplies for children & infants: small toys & books, clothes, diapers, formula, bottles
- ✓ Emergency tools (small and useful): Leatherman, jackknife, compact hatchet, GPS, can opener, Utensils, rope, flashlight, batteries, thermal blanket, etc.
- ✓ Small first aid kit
- ✓ Family heirlooms *(only if space allows)*
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Prepare Your Family, Pets, & Livestock

- ✓ If possible, evacuate children and non-essential family members first to simplify preparations.
 - ✓ Designate a "safe place" and an emergency contact person.
 - ✓ Plan multiple evacuation routes to your safe location.
 - ✓ Share your evacuation plans with your contact person.
 - ✓ Evacuate pets and livestock wherever possible. Contact the Humane Society or neighbours for help if needed.
 - ✓ Ensure all family members are familiar with your plan and the emergency notification systems/alerts.
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Prepare Your Vehicle

- ✓ Fill your gas tank. ✓ Park facing outward in the garage or driveway for a quick exit.
 - ✓ Learn how to manually open your garage door. ✓ Roll up all windows and keep the vehicle unlocked.
 - ✓ Pack only essential items. ✓ If you don't drive, arrange transportation in advance.
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What to Wear During Evacuation

- ✓ Wear only cotton or wool clothing: Long-sleeved shirt, long pants, light jacket, hat, and comfortable boots.
 - ✓ Carry with you: Gloves, a handkerchief (for smoke), water bottle, and a pair of goggles (also for smoke)
 - ✓ Keep your cell phone, flashlight, and portable radio with you at all times. ✓ Tune into local radio for emergency instructions.
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Prepare the Inside of Your Home (Before Fire Evacuation)

- ✓ Close all interior doors ✓ Leave a light on in every room ✓ Remove flammable items from around windows
 - ✓ Close fire-resistant curtains, shutters, or blinds (if available) ✓ Turn off all pilot lights
 - ✓ Move overstuffed furniture to the center of the room ✓ Close fireplace dampers and any openings (e.g., pet doors)
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Prepare the Outside of Your Home (Before Fire Evacuation)

- ✓ Bring combustible patio furniture indoors ✓ Shut off propane or natural gas at the meter
 - ✓ Close exterior vents, doors, and windows. If time allows, seal all these openings with 1½" thick plywood.
 - ✓ Prop a non-combustible ladder against your house for firefighter access ✓ Leave all exterior doors and gates unlocked
 - ✓ Turn on exterior lights ✓ Connect a hose to your outside faucet
 - ✓ **Do NOT** leave sprinklers running – this can affect municipal water pressure during a critical time
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PLEASE STAY SAFE AND CAUTIOUS DURING AN EVACUATION. HELP OTHERS IF YOU ARE ABLE. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BE PREPARED!

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