

What is an Emergency Kit?

You may have some of these basic emergency kit items already. The key is to make sure they are organized, easy to find and easy to carry (in a suitcase with wheels or in a backpack) in case you need to evacuate your home. Whatever you do, don't wait for an emergency to happen. Think of ways that you can pack your emergency kit so that you and those on your emergency plan can easily take the items with you, if necessary.

Emergency Preparedness for Pets?

If you are forced to leave your home, it's important to remember to take your pet(s) with you. Leaving pets behind, even if you try to make a safe place for them, is not the best option. Unfortunately, most emergency shelters can't accept pets, except for service animals such as dogs for the visually impaired, so you must plan ahead.

There is limited Kennels in the area, however, be sure to look into local kennels. As well as packing your information, it is helpful to have copies of your pet documents included with yours. Documents such as vaccine record, pet insurance and even health records can be helpful to the emergency kennel and even vet clinics.

Once you have compiled a list remember to put a copy in your emergency kit. While you're at it include pet supplies (leash, portable kennel, food, and water).

Make sure your pets are wearing collars and identification tags in case they get separated from you.

Is There Anything Else I Can Do?

Think about family members who may need help in the event of an emergency, or neighbours. Reach out to them to see if there is anything you can do to help them in the event of an emergency.

What is an Emergency?

An emergency is defined as any abnormal or unique event which occurs with some degree of surprise to demand unusual, extensive and demanding response effort, however caused, which has resulted in or may result in:

- the loss of life; or
- serious harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of people; or
- widespread damage to property or the environment.

A major emergency is a further escalation with the potential to exceed the community's emergency response capabilities. A major emergency will require resources from other communities and the province.

What Type of Emergency could affect us?

The most likely major emergencies that could occur within our area are as follows;

- Fire (Structural/Forest/Grass)
- Dangerous Goods or Hazardous Materials release
- Epidemic/Pandemic or Health (Contaminated Water or Air Quality)
- Extended Utility Outage (Power, Natural Gas, water)
- Public Infrastructure Failure (transportation routes, sanitary septic, etc.)
- Severe Weather (Blizzard, Wind Storm, Tornado, Hail)
- Mass Transit Incident (Road, Rail)
- Major Aircraft Crash
- Flood
- Pipeline Leak/ Explosion
- Terrorism (Bomb, Shooting)
- Lost Person (Search and Rescue)

Emergency Preparedness at Home

The Rural Municipalities of Prairiedale, Winslow, and Oakdale (P.O.W) as well as the villages of Plenty, Dodsland, Major, Smiley Coleville and Flaxcombe have partnered to create an emergency management group to train and prepare in the event of any emergency.

By working in a group, we will be better prepared to manage emergencies, disasters or natural event by working closely with your local council as well with a qualified group of people to ensure rate payers are protected as well as their properties.

This Brochure will help to give you ideas on how to prepare for such events.

What is the Emergency System?

The system works first, with recognizing that there is an emergency. Once you recognize the emergency, dial 9-1-1 immediately. When 9-1-1 is notified, they will dispatch Fire Response, If the emergency is larger than the capacity of the basic first responders, the Emergency Management Team will be notified and the Emergency Operations Committee will work together. Depending on the degree of the emergency, the council may decide to declare a 'State of Emergency'.



How Can I Prepare?

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Have a Plan

Have a plan in place; is there some where you can go if you get evacuated? Do you have a plan for your pets or livestock if you are evacuated? Do you have needs for you and your families, especially those with special; needs (i.e. seniors, mobility issues, babies).

2

Have a Kit

In the event of an emergency, it can take days to restore infrastructure like power. Do you have extra water in your home? Do you have ways to cook without power (i.e. BBQ), ways to keep warm, alternative power sources (crank chargers, generators) or flashlights handy?

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Have a Home Escape Plan

Talk to your family about what to do in an event of an emergency. Where will you meet? What do you need to bring? How will you escape your house if it is on fire?

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Practice

During a fire there is no time to stop and think about an escape route - every second is important! Being prepared before a fire occurs can save your life!

What Happens if I am Evacuated?

Ordering an evacuation of all or part of an emergency area is a very serious step and requires detailed planning. In Saskatchewan, the Emergency Planning Act (1989) permits the head of a local authority to declare a Local Emergency, and that allows the local authority to order an evacuation should it be absolutely necessary. This choice is never taken lightly. You will be instructed on what to do and where to go. Most evacuation centers will be either halls, arenas or other mass gathering facilities, this information will be provided during an evacuation.

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Step 1- Evacuation Orders

Authorities will alert the population at risk of the potential for evacuation because of the danger of possible loss of life and they should be prepared to evacuate the area. This warning will be transmitted by: phone, text, media outlet, news station, door to door and other apps (SaskAlert). Avoid using your phone if you don't have to as to avoid crashing the cellular network.

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Step 2- Evacuation Order

The population at risk is ordered to evacuate the area specified in a formal written order. They must leave the area immediately. The police will enforce the Evacuation Order. This order will be transmitted by:

The area will have controlled access you may need a pass to enter the area. It is of the utmost importance you follow these orders. Failure to do so can result in injuries to yourself, your emergency team, emergency responders and even your neighbors.

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Step 3- Orders Rescinded

An evacuation order or alert is rescinded when it is determined to be safe for residents to return home. An evacuation order may be reinstated if a threat returns. These reentry criteria will be communicated to evacuees by various mediums.

What Other Resources are there?

Having a well prepared kit can make all of the difference in the event of an emergency. Aim for a kit to prepare you for 72 hours. These links can help you establish a good kit;

www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/prepare-your-home>

In partnership with first responders, emergency managers, public officials, and in collaboration with other voluntary sector organizations, the **Canadian Red Cross** may provide emergency and disaster services such as emergency lodging, reception and information, emergency food, emergency clothing, personal services and family reunification services. If you have been affected by a personal disaster, such as a house fire, contact us at 1-888-800-6493. Otherwise, contact your closest service location for general enquiries.

[Saskatoon Branch Emergency and Disaster Services](#)

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