

It's Wildfire Season: Be Prepared

Have things ready just in case!

List of Things to Take for Evacuation:

<input type="checkbox"/> Easy-to-carry shoulder bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Comfort items (a toy for your child, cards, a book, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions for at least five days	<input type="checkbox"/> Drinking water for each person for the trip (about one litre)
<input type="checkbox"/> A change of clothing (plus a sweater or jacket)	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy food snack for the trip (foods that won't spoil)
<input type="checkbox"/> Basic toiletry items (toothbrush, toothpaste)	<input type="checkbox"/> Small amount of cash, as well as your debit and credit card
<input type="checkbox"/> Small flashlight with extra batteries	<input type="checkbox"/> Small radio (battery operated)
<input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, CPAP Machine, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Items for infants (formula, baby food, diapers) for the trip
<input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of important documents (photo identification, health card, Treaty card, list of medication, insurance information, list of emergency contacts)	<input type="checkbox"/> List other things you want to remember to bring:

If planning to use your own vehicle for transportation during an evacuation:

- Keep your vehicle fairly full of gas during the fire season.
- Keep a roadside emergency kit in your vehicle (for example: booster cables, road markers, high visibility vest, first aid kit, flashlight) and make sure your spare tire is in good condition.
- Register with the evacuation registration centre, even if you don't need transportation and are not needing to stay at a shelter.
- Take food for a healthy snack along with you for the road (select foods that won't spoil)
- Follow instructions on the safe routes and timing for departure.
- Decide what to do with your pets, as shelters and many hotels will not allow pets. Perhaps identify in advance pet-friendly hotels or pet boarding facilities (you'll need to take your pet's vaccination papers).

Other things to think about during forest fire season:

- Keep your cellphone charged, and keep extra flashlight and radio batteries on hand.
- Keep some cash on hand.
- Have an electrostatic or HEPA filter air cleaner to use in a small room in your house.
- Have a bag packed ready for evacuation if a forest fire threatens.
- Have a jug or container of drinking water in your house (about four litres per person in the house).
- Have a box of non-perishable foods stored in a cupboard for emergency use (rough guideline – two days of food for the number of people in your home).
- Review family plan in case there is an evacuation – share each other's cellphone numbers.
- For each family member with chronic illnesses requiring special care: Ask your doctor or nurse for a letter documenting your condition, your medications and health-care provider contact information, which could be used to give to health-care providers at evacuation centres or clinics / hospitals in other communities.

In the event of an evacuation:

- Plan for pets: Put a note on your door about your pets (number and type of pets, where they are and other info, such as food or safety. Also include your cellphone number or another way to contact you).
- Foods in refrigerator: If you have time, consider what foods in your refrigerator could be put in the freezer.