

Get to Know Your Local Resources

EMO Members

The current EMO team:

- Bev Johnson, EMO Coordinator
- Orlene Martens
- Nathalie Baudais
- Christina Holovach
- Michael Schell
- Al Scholz
- Marcela Maley
- Erin Choponis, Council Rep
- Ryan Bradley, BEST Rep



Your Block Captain will be contacting you during the month of May.

Block Captains

Block Captains for the village:

- Stacey Syrenne: 1-27 Pelican Pass
- Mary Jaworski: 1-29 Summerfeldt Drive
- Nathalie Baudais: 31-49 Summerfeldt Drive
- Christina Holovach: 51-71 Summerfeldt Drive
- Marcela Maley: 72-86 Summerfeldt Drive
- Orlene Martens: 87-99 Summerfeldt Drive
- Julie Pineault: 100-111 Summerfeldt Drive
- Al Scholz: 112-135 Summerfeldt Drive
- Marlene Schwenker: 136-158 Summerfeldt Drive
- Michael Schell: 159-171 Summerfeldt Drive and Wilson Road

Your Block Captain will be contacting you during the month of May. Please make them feel welcome. It is important to know your Block Captain prior to an emergency situation. During a village emergency, they will be the ones to notify you of the steps to take.

Several EMO Members and Block Captains will be present at the Big Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Village Centre. Please come by and meet them.

We would like to thank our EMO and Block Captain volunteers for generously donating their time to prepare our village for emergencies!

Make a Plan

Here's what you should include:

1. Plan the best way to evacuate your home

- Determine the best ways to evacuate from inside your home in case of an emergency like a house fire.
- Make sure everyone in the house knows the location of your emergency kit and water supply.
- Establish a safe place for your family to meet.
- Include a plan for evacuating your pets.
- Practice your evacuation plan frequently.

“there's no harm in hoping for the best as long as you're prepared for the worst.”

— STEPHEN KING, *DIFFERENT SEASONS*

There may be certain situations where you are not able to or it is not safe to evacuate your home, like a power outage, tornado or flu pandemic. You should be prepared to be self-sufficient in your home for 72 hours (or seven to 10 days in a health emergency). If you or your loved ones have any special needs that would require extra assistance, you should work those details into your family emergency plan and into your emergency kit. This could also include checking in on neighbours who may require assistance during an emergency.

2. Know your community's evacuation plan

Contact your local government's emergency management office or emergency planner and ask the questions below:

- What types of natural and technological disasters are most likely to happen?
- How can I prepare for each?
- Consider some of the common emergencies and disasters in Canada:
 - Earthquakes
 - Floods
 - Forest fires
 - House fires
 - Hurricanes
 - Influenza
 - Landslides
 - Power outages
 - Thunderstorms
 - Tornadoes
 - Winter storms



- What is our community's emergency plan?
- What are our community's evacuation routes?
- Where are emergency shelters located?
- Are all shelters accessible for persons with disabilities?
- What plans are there for evacuated pets?

“Your responsibility to be ready for the fight, never ends.”

— JAMES YEAGER

3. Make sure to have an out of town emergency contact

- Plan for each family member to call or e-mail the same out of-town contact person in case of an emergency.
- Choose an out-of-town contact that lives far enough away that he or she will probably not be affected by the same event.
- Make sure that the designated person knows they are your family contact.
- Ensure that you and your family members carry the number and e-mail address.
- Other Resources
 - For more information on how to help prepare your children for an emergency, download the Red Cross *Expect the Unexpected Guide for Parents* and caregivers.
 - You can also make a plan with Public Safety Canada's *Get Prepared step-by-step online guide*. www.getprepared.gc.ca

Prepare an Emergency Kit

You may have some of these basic emergency kit items already, such as a flashlight, battery-operated radio, food, water and blankets. 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 a disaster to happen.

Basic Emergency Kit Items

- Water - 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, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (remember to replace the food and water once a year)
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery-powered or wind-up radio

“The only thing more terrifying than an emergency is actually living off the food you have stored! Your food storage should be food you would rotate into your daily diet.”

— AUTHOR UNKNOWN

- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications, infant formula or equipment for people with disabilities
- Extra keys for your car and house
- Cash - Include smaller bills, such as \$10 bills (travellers cheques are also useful) and change for payphones
- Emergency plan - Include a copy of it and ensure it contains in-town and out-of-town contact information



The basic emergency kit will help you get through the first 72 hours of an emergency. In addition to this kit, we recommend you also have the following additional emergency supplies. Then you will be well equipped for even the worst emergency situations.

Additional Emergency Supplies

- Two additional litres of water per person per day - For cooking and cleaning
- Candles and matches or lighter - Place in sturdy containers and do not burn unattended
- Change of clothing and footwear - For each household member
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket - For each household member
- Toiletries
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Utensils
- Garbage bags
- Household chlorine bleach or water purifying tablets
- Basic tools - Hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, work gloves, pocket knife
- Small fuel-operated stove and fuel
- Whistle - To attract attention
- Duct tape

“Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is.”

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