

YOU'VE BEEN TOLD TO EVACUATE! WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Plan Ahead!

- ✓ Always have an emergency kit ready with food, water, clothing, cash, and important papers. For a full list of what should be put in an emergency kit please visit: www.getprepared.gc.ca.
- ✓ Have a family plan so everyone knows where to go, where you will stay, who to contact, and what to do in case family members are separated before an evacuation is ordered. For a family plan template please visit: https://beprepared.emergencymanagementontario.ca/myplan/?language=en-CA&_ga=2.148534900.235178813.1495204319-266754292.1488998969.
- ✓ Do you or someone you love have special needs? If so please make sure those needs can be met during an evacuation. For more information on evacuation planning for special needs groups please visit: <https://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/beprepared/diversegroups/diversegroups.html>.
- ✓ Have a plan and an emergency kit for your pet(s). Do not bring your pet to the evacuation shelter. Know ahead of time where you will shelter your pet. For more information please visit: <http://ontariospca.ca/what-we-do/humane-education-and-animal-care/emergency-preparedness-for-pets.html>.

Leave!

- ✓ Take your emergency kit and plan with you.
- ✓ Take essential medications and prescriptions with you.
- ✓ Follow your family's emergency plan.
- ✓ Grab your cell phone and charger before you leave.
- ✓ Take your pet(s) with you and follow your pet plan.
- ✓ If you must leave your pet at home, leave adequate food and water for them.
- ✓ Close and lock all doors and windows.
- ✓ Leave within the time frame provided by evacuating authorities.
- ✓ Follow the evacuation route provided by the evacuating authorities.
- ✓ Register at the evacuation centre – even if you are not planning to stay at the centre.
- ✓ Listen to the radio for further instructions and information.

At the Evacuation Centre

- ✓ Register your name and any family members with you.
- ✓ Listen to the instructions of the centre manager and follow centre rules.
- ✓ Do not bring your pet to the evacuation centre.
- ✓ If you left your pet(s) at home, fill out the Pet Information Record form provided at the centre.
- ✓ Keep children entertained with games and toys.

Additional Information

- ✓ Evacuation centres can be loud busy places filled with distraught people. Explain to your children what is happening to keep them calm and stress free.
- ✓ Do not return to the evacuated area until told to do so by authorities.
- ✓ Make sure you are safe before assisting others.
- ✓ If you do not have a car make arrangements ahead of time with family or friends.
- ✓ Listen to the radio for further instructions and information.