

Please keep this information for future reference

Emergency Management Information 2022



Fire season is once again upon us and it's time for an update on Emergency Management Plans

- **Pre-Registration is very important. In the event of an evacuation, we are required to send in a “Confirmation of Evacuees” form which is used to identify who the RM/LUD supports in the evacuation. This is a legal document and used to confirm evacuees for a variety of situations.**
- **In the event of an evacuation, your registration is required to receive evacuation pay**
- **It is also used to ensure that the needs of our community are being met as best as possible in the event of an evacuation (number of people, accommodation, special needs, transportation, pets, etc)**
- **A pre-registration form is included in this newsletter, and is also available on the community website www.cranberryportage.net**

Advance Preparation

Prepare an emergency kit The expectation is that you can provide for yourself for 72 hours as it may take that long to get services in place. Services provided are the basics.

Ensure that you have:

-Your ID, money and credit cards

-Medications—if you are without your meds, you will only receive a one day supply of essential medication. Ensure that you have all prescriptions you or your family require (glasses and hearing aids included)

-supply of special diet foods

- supply of baby diapers, formula, blankets, toys (these will not be supplied to you)
 - Seasonal clothing
 - Personal comfort items

The province's priority with evacuation accommodation is friends and family first, then hotels and similar accommodation. The Province has a daily rate they pay people who have been evacuated but you must REGISTER to receive it.

This rate is dependent on your accommodation (private, hotel, etc) and age of children.

Special needs evacuees are evacuated first—elderly, small children, medical

Review your family's emergency plan and contact information—identify an out of area contact, someone each member of the family can call or email in the event of an emergency. This person can help family members stay in touch and get together if they are separated. The Province does not have an agreement with the Red Cross, who in the past, provided a "locator" service, so this contact information may be vital for keeping your family up to date.

During Forest Fire Incidents:

To protect yourself and your family during fire emergencies

- *Be ready to evacuate all family members including pets and livestock*
- *Minimize smoke inhalation in the home by closing all windows and doors. A wet towel along the window and door seams will minimize smoke even further*
- *Keep the radio on so you can access information about the potential emergency situation*
- *Stay in touch with local emergency management offices and follow directions provided Municipal Emergency Coordinator—Lori Forbes 204 623-0899 (Mobile)*

Forest fires can start and spread very quickly. Please be ready.

The best protection against loss, damage or injury is prevention. Do what you can to reduce the risk of loss or damage in the event of a fire.

Ensure you have adequate insurance on your home and property.

If you see a FIRE, call it in immediately. 911

The burning by-law is posted on the community website. www.cranberryportage.net

Contact information for Municipal Emergency Coordinator:

Lori Forbes 204 623-0899

Email: rodlor@mts.net

Emergency Evacuation Kit Items

Evacuees can help themselves, and their hosts, if they take some essential items with them when they evacuate. These items should be available to take on very short notice. In some cases, they might be stored in a family vehicle. In other situations, it may be more appropriate to have an emergency evacuation kit available in the home and ready to go at all times.

1. *Pack all usual medications for all people living in your home. Also pack health aids, eyeglasses, contact lens supplies and health cards; **The Province will not cover the cost of medications, formula or diapers. It is your responsibility to provide those.***
2. *Clothing appropriate for the season.*
3. *Baby formula, diapers and toys if appropriate.*
4. *A supply of special diet foods.*
5. *Money, debit and/or credit cards.*
6. *Toiletries (items such as soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, hair care).*
7. *Personal comfort items*
8. *Personal entertainment items such as books, games, cards, etc.*

Depending on the evacuation situation, you should also be prepared to support yourself for 72 hours and be prepared with;

- ***Water***
- ***Food that does not require refrigeration***
- ***Sleeping bag or warm blanket***
- ***First aid kit, battery operated radio, flashlight, pocket knife, rope, whistle and small hand tools.***

If you have pets, arrangements may need to be made for their care. Only pets with up to date vaccinations will be kenneled. Assemble a pet kit to include; medications, water bowl, food supply, tags/identification, vet records, leash, kennel/crate, collar, comfort items and any special instructions. If you are unable to take your pet with you, leave information on your door with pets name, where located, etc.

***Information brochures are available at the LUD office and the Resource Center on
Emergency Preparedness.***

If you must evacuate;

- Follow closely all instructions provided by local authorities
- You may be required to register prior to leaving the community, or at another location depending on the situation
- Make sure you know the safe evacuation routes
- Find out the destination reception centers before you leave (listen for announcements)
- If there is time, and you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity

The LUD phone number is 204 472-3219 for information and the website address is www.cranberryportage.net

Evacuation Alert: If the community is threatened, officials will determine when the community is to be put on alert. Once on alert, the community may be ordered to evacuate at any time.

The Alert Notice will consist of the following;

- A.) Residents will be advised of the alert through a variety of methods, depending on time available and urgency of the situation. Emergency volunteers will make phone calls, do door to door notices, post community website information, social media notices, posted signs, etc.
- B.) An announcement may be heard on CFAR radio (and others if they can be contacted)
- C.) A vehicle will travel the streets with the announcement.

Please check with the schools and daycare about whether they are open or closed.

In the event of a Mandatory Evacuation

1. The town siren will sound for an extended period (longer than curfew siren). If we lose power, the siren will not be operable.
2. The evacuation order will be announced over the radio, by vehicle and a house to house check. Call the LUD office at 204 472-3219 for information on where to go and other arrangements.
3. If necessary, children at school or daycare will be taken to the designated evacuation community.
4. Register prior to leaving the community.

In a MANDATORY evacuation, everyone must leave.

If the fire or emergency condition changes the alert will be cancelled by the following;

- The sounding of the town siren two times
- An announcement on the radio
- A vehicle giving the announcement that the alert is cancelled.