

TAKE IT WITH YOU

You probably won't be able to get home if an evacuation is ordered. If an **Evacuation ALERT** is issued, get what you need ready. Be prepared. Make arrangements for your pets and other animals. Don't leave animals trapped in your house or yard. There will be places and people that will care for your pets if an evacuation is ordered.



People with livestock may be eligible for assistance in evacuating animals during the **Evacuation ALERT** stage, in order to ensure they themselves are prepared to leave if necessary.

BE INFORMED



During Emergencies:

Refer to www.scrd.ca/emergency-alerts for current updates and information.

Sign up for and follow alerts through our emergency alert system: www.scrd.ca/alert-system

Listen to the radio (Coast FM 91.7)

Follow the SCRD on Facebook and Twitter:

EVACUATION ALERT



BE AWARE

There are three stages to an Evacuation

Evacuations are not something anyone wants to happen but everyone needs to be prepared in the event of an emergency. Please help us help you. Local governments have primary responsibility for coordinating evacuations.

The first stage is an **Evacuation ALERT**. An evacuation alert is a warning issued by local authorities about an imminent threat to life and property, and **people are asked to be ready to leave on short notice. Evacuation ALERTS** are put in place to make sure you are aware of potential threat in your area and to give you time to prepare in case you are asked to leave your home. This brochure contains information that will help you prepare yourself, your home and your pets.

The second stage is an **Evacuation ORDER**. An evacuation order is issued when the population is determined to be at imminent risk and **people must leave the area immediately**. Local police or RCMP enforce evacuation orders. During an evacuation order, specific facilities will be designated as reception centres for evacuees requiring assistance. Public information will include the location of the nearest reception centre and further instructions for registering for Emergency Support Services once the location and nature of the emergency has been identified.

The third stage is an **Evacuation RESCIND**. An evacuation order is rescinded when it is determined to be safe and acceptable for people to return home.

BE PREPARED

When on **Evacuation ALERT**, take the time to get prepared by:

- **Staying calm.**
- Locating all family members and designate a safe meeting place in the event that an evacuation order is called.
- Not using more vehicles than you require.
- Gathering essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, government issued ID, cash, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), immediate care needs for dependants and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc.). Have these items readily available for a quick departure.
- Consider moving any disabled persons and/or children to a safe area.
- Moving pets and livestock to a safe area.
- Arranging to transport household members or co-workers in the event of an evacuation order.
- Arranging accommodation for your family if possible. In the event of an evacuation order, emergency accommodation will be provided if required.
- Monitoring media (SCRD Facebook, Twitter, www.scrd.ca and 91.7FM, Voyent Alert) for information on location of Emergency Reception Centres and status of evacuation orders.

Visit www.scrd.ca/Emergency-Program for more information.

SPECIAL NEEDS



Are you a senior or do you have a disability?

Under normal circumstances you may be self-sufficient, but during an emergency, you may need help.

Create a self-help network of friends and family that can help you in an emergency. Be sure to wear your medical alert tags to identify your special needs and prepare to take your medications with you.