



Prepare Your Property for a Spring Breakup

- Put weather protection sealant around basement windows and the base of the ground level doors.
- Install the drainage for downspouts a sufficient distance from your residence to ensure water moves away from the building.
- Do not store your important documents in the basement. Keep them at a higher level, protected from any flood damage.
- Turn off basement furnaces if no longer needed.
- Take special precautions to safeguard electrical or propane heating.
- Move equipment and belongings stored outside to a location that is safe from flooding.

Visit the Public Safety Canada Website www.getprepared.ca



Prepare Your Household for an Evacuation

Given the COVID-19 outbreak and the GNWT physical distancing order, the Town of Hay River is coordinating temporary accommodations for Vale Island households in the event of an evacuation. As evacuees will not be able to seek accommodations at friends' or family's homes, accommodation options are currently being developed and more information will follow for residents.

Households should prepare for up to a one week potential evacuation activity between the dates of April 27th to May 15th.

- The Town is conducting a Vale Island Households Survey by phone to gather information that would support an evacuation that includes temporary accommodations. If a Town representative has not contacted you already, please contact the Town of Hay River at 874-6522
- If you have access to an RV / Camper / Cabin, prepare it for use. Remove surrounding snow, check tires, fill propane tanks, etc.
- Have sufficient clothing and essentials for yourself and family members packed and ready to go.
- Make a household emergency plan and a basic emergency kit (see "Get an Emergency Kit" attachment).
- Ensure to include any prescriptions and medications for all family members.
- Prepare supplies and create a plan for accommodations of your pets (see "Are you prepared in case of a flood or evacuation?" attachment).



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

In the event of an Emergency in Hay River please use the following numbers:

FIRE – 874-2222

AMBULANCE – 874-9333

POLICE – 874-1111

To register your household during an evacuation contact:

REGISTRATION CENTRE - 1-833-699-0188

To complete the Vale Island Household survey or for general information contact:

TOWN HALL - 874-6522

Additional information can be found at:

- www.hayriver.com/breakup
- Town of Hay River Facebook page
- Emergency Measures recorded message service at 1-833-699-0188
- CKHR 107.3 local radio station
- The Emergency Measures Email subscription service (subscribe at www.hayriver.com)



Flood Evacuation Procedure

1. An evacuation notice will be communicated to residents through Town of Hay River Facebook Page, Emergency Measures Email Subscription service (sign up at www.hayriver.com), 1-833-699-0188, CKHR 107.3 radio, and by local emergency responders dispatched to Vale Island.
2. Gather household travel kits including medicines
3. Gather basic emergency kit
4. Gather pets and pet supply kit
5. Shutoff propane tanks
6. Contact Registration Centre at 1-833-699-0188 or visit Registration Centre at Hay River Community Centre (Rec Centre)
7. Travel to assigned accommodation option. If assisted travel is required, contact Registration Centre at 1-833-699-0188

Get an emergency kit

Start today!



IS YOUR FAMILY
PREPARED?

Assemble one...

Basic emergency kit shopping list:

- Water** — two litres of water per person per day (include small bottles)
- Food** that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace once a year)
- Manual can opener**
- Wind-up or battery-powered flashlight** (and extra batteries)
- Wind-up or battery-powered radio** (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit**
- Special needs items** — pet food, 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 and change for payphones
- Emergency plan** — include a copy in your kit as well as contact information

...or buy one

You can buy an emergency kit online and in stores across Canada. St. John Ambulance and The Salvation Army have prepared an emergency kit which can be purchased at www.sja.ca or at retailers across Canada. Canadian Red Cross kits can be purchased at www.redcross.ca.

For more information call:
1 800 O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)
TTY 1-800-926-9105

Consider these additional emergency kit 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



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Are you prepared in case of a flood or evacuation?

Emergencies come in many forms, and they may require anything from a brief absence from your home to long term evacuation. Each type of disaster requires different measures to keep your pets safe. The best thing you can do for yourself and your pets is to be prepared.

Arrange a Safe Haven

Arrange a safe haven for your pets in the event of evacuation. Remember, if it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets. They may become trapped or escape and be exposed to numerous life-threatening hazards.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND.

Emergency Pet Kits

Keep an tupperware container of pet supplies handy. Make sure that everyone in the family knows where it is. This kit should be clearly labeled and easy to carry. Items to consider keeping in or near your pack include:

- 3-7 days' worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
- Litter or paper toweling
- Disposable garbage bags for clean-up
- Pet food dishes and water bowls
- Extra harness and leash
- Blanket (for scooping up a fearful pet)

Evacuation Preparation:

If you must evacuate your home in a crisis, plan for the worst-case scenario. If you think you may be gone for only a day, assume that you may not be allowed to return for a week. When recommendations for evacuation have been announced, follow the instructions of the Town of Hay River officials. To minimize evacuation time, take these simple steps:

- Store your emergency pet kit and leashes as close to an exit as possible.
- Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification.
- Always bring pets indoors at the first sign or warning of a disaster. Pets can become disoriented and wander away from home during a crisis.
- Call ahead to make arrangements for having your pet stay outside of the danger zone at the first sign of disaster.
- If for some reason you cannot bring your pet with, **DO NOT LEAVE THEM TIED UP**, as they will have no chance to survive if there is a flood.
- If emergency officials recommend that you stay in your home, it's crucial that you keep your pets with you. Keep your container of supplies close at hand. Your pets may become stressed during the in-house confinement, so you may consider crating them for safety and comfort.

If you must leave your pet in the house alone, determine which rooms offer safe havens:

- Choose easy-to-clean areas such as utility rooms or bathrooms as safe zones, or a room that has access to counters or shelves where your pet can take shelter.
- Access to a supply food and fresh water is particularly important. Ensure that your pet has access to plenty of food and water by filling extra bowls prior to your departure.