

Prepare Your Household for an Evacuation

Evacuation is the key response activity coordinated by the Town of Hay River to protect residents through flood events. Being prepared to evacuate with limited notice is important. Develop a plan for your family and practice it. Recognize that an evacuation may last for a week or longer between the end of April and mid May, and that access to your home, business, and community may not be possible.

If you or a household member will have special accommodation or travel needs during an evacuation, pre-register after the issue of an Evacuation Notice by calling 833-699-0188.

- Make a household emergency plan (<u>www.getprepared.ca</u>)
- Prepare a basic emergency kit (checklist attached);
- Ensure to include prescriptions and medications for all family members;
- Make temporary accommodation arrangements where possible;
 - If you plan to use an RV / Camper / Cabin, prepare it for use.
 Remove surrounding snow, check tires, fill propane tanks, etc.
 - Basic accommodations are provided at the declared community evacuation centre
- Prepare supplies and plan for handling of pets;
- Have sufficient clothing and essentials for family members packed;
- Keep vehicles fueled.

Visit the Public Safety Canada Website www.getprepared.ca



Emergency Kit Checklist

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
- 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.

Consider these additional emergency kit supplies...

- Two additional <u>litres</u> 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)

