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Evacuation Notice (for ice breakup and consolidation)

3:30pm April 26, 2023

An Evacuation Notice is being issued for all residents of Hay River due to the local movement of ice on the Hay River. The ice is currently consolidating near Miron Drive and between Mile 5 and Smiths Road. The movement has not been consistent nor has any push from the south started. Regular updates will begin occurring at 10:00AM and 5:00PM each day and active monitoring of the river will commence.

This is a precautionary notice. Residents should undertake general flood and evacuation preparedness planning. Residents should receive an Evacuation Alert and/or Evacuation Order if conditions worsen. At this time, those wishing to pre-register for the reception can by calling 1-833- 699-0188 during business hours or visiting www.hayriver.com/breakup.

Evacuation Alerts and Evacuation Orders should be issued through www.facebook.com/townofhayriver, Town of Hay River Emergency Measures Email Subscription Service, www.hayriver.com/breakup, and the NWT Alert Ready (ie. cell phone message) system.

FAQ

How will I know when I need to evacuate?

The Town of Hay River will issue an Evacuation Order to advise residents when it is time to evacuate. This Order will be issued via

- the NWT Alert system,
- the Town of Hay River Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Townofhayriver>),
- Town of Hay River Website (www.hayriver.com),
- Emergency Responders in the area,
- Emergency Measures Email System and,
- the Emergency Measures Voice System (1-833- 699-0188).

Where can I get more information?

For more information please go to/visit/call Town of Hay River Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Townofhayriver>), Town of Hay River Website (www.hayriver.com), Emergency Measures Email System and, the Emergency Measures Voice System (1-833- 699-0188).



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What should I pack?

The following is a list of items that community residents should remember to pack when evacuating. If evacuating by plane there will be baggage restrictions; typically baggage is limited to one bag per person.

- Climate appropriate clothing;
- Extra keys (for home and vehicles);
- Cash;
- Special items like prescription medications and infant care products;
- Important documents like prescriptions, insurance documents, etc. ; and
- A copy of your household emergency plan and important contact information.

If evacuating by road, it is suggested that residents pack the following items in addition to the ones listed below:

- Water (at least 2 liters per person);
- Non-perishable food (canned goods, energy bars, dried fruit);
- Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries);
- Crank or battery powered radio;
- First-Aid kit;
- Blankets;
- Basic tools (handsaw, hatchet or axe);
- Waterproof matches;
- Candles; and
- A full tank of gas (maybe a jerry can of gas depending on the distance to the destination).

Where will I be staying?

Reception centers provide basic care for residents who are displaced from their homes. Typically they are set up in schools or community facilities and provide very basic group lodging and meal services. You will be provided with a specific destination when told to evacuate.

What about my pets?



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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 a container of pet supplies handy. 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:

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.

Make alternate arrangements to house your pet if you are unable:

- If you are unable to evacuate with your pets, make alternate arrangements ahead of the flood for their care at a safe location out of the flood zone.

Livestock arrangements are your responsibility.

How can I help protect my home?



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Implementing flood proofing techniques around your property can reduce your home's risk to flood. Listed below are a few steps you can take to protect your property, for more information visit www.hayriver.com.

- Move equipment, vehicles and belongings stored outside to a location that is safe

During flooding;

- Empty sewer tanks as flood risks increase.
- Landscape with a downward slope away from the house in all directions.
- Install barriers to protect low lying assets that cannot be relocated.
- Elevate supplies and equipment stored in garages and sheds.
- Prepare and check sump or other pumps that may be used on the property
- Install weather protection sealant around the base of any low-level doors.
- Turn off furnaces if not needed.
- Take special precautions to safeguard electrical or propane heating