

Flood and Wildfire Preparedness



Prepare Your Property for Flood and Fire

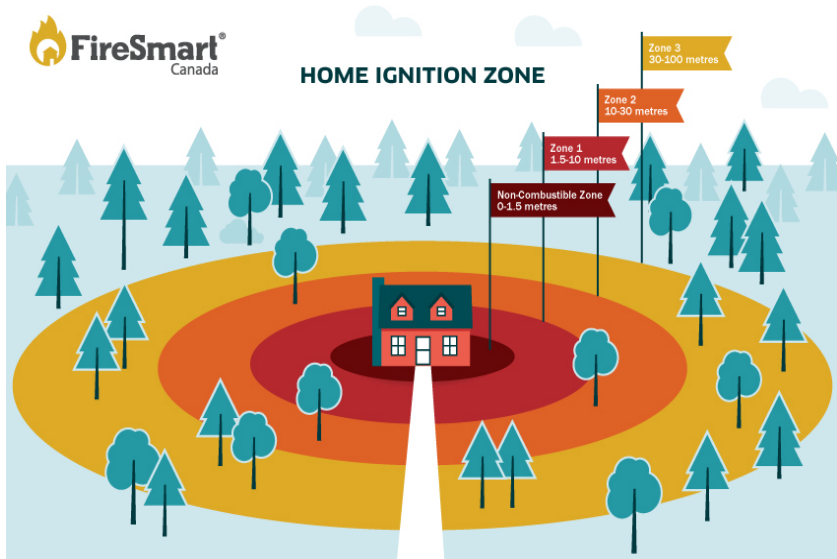
Property owners should protect their property from flooding and wildfire to reduce the likelihood of damages to their and neighbouring properties. Details to "Fire Smart" your property or prepare for flooding are available at: www.hayriver.com/emergency



Fire Smart Your Property



HOME IGNITION ZONE



Property Owners are reminded to make your and your neighbours property safe by using Fire Smart Techniques.

For details on how you can Fire Smart your property go to:

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Flood Preparedness

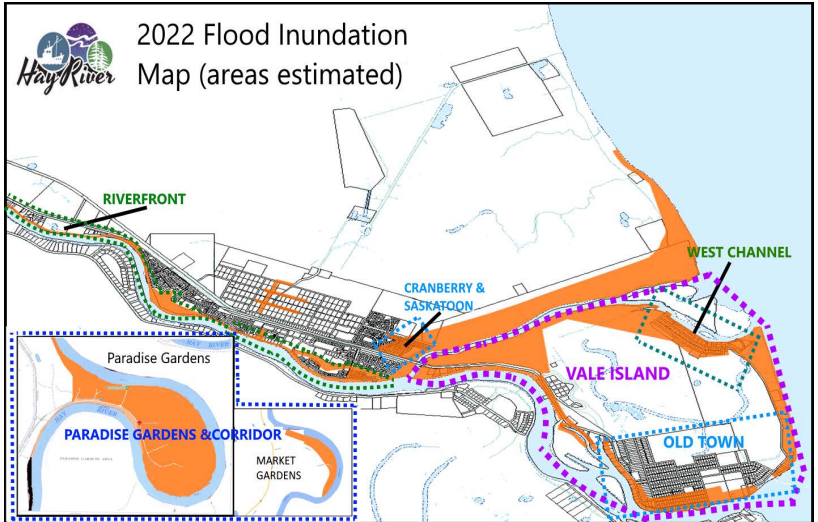
This includes reducing environmental contamination caused by fuel spills.

The Town of Hay River Zoning and Building Bylaw specifies building construction requirements for properties in defined flood zones. Other activities to consider include:

- Move equipment, vehicles and belongings stored outside;
- Elevate supplies and equipment stored in garages and sheds;
- Install barriers to protect low lying assets;
- Prepare and check sump and/or other pumps; Install / inspect backflow valves;
- Pump out sewer tanks ahead following any evacuation alerts;
- Install weather protection sealant around the base of low-level doors and windows;
- Do not store your important documents in the basement;
- Remove toxic substances such as pesticides and insecticides from the flood area to prevent pollution;
- Take special precautions to safeguard electrical or propane heating.



2022 Flood Inundation Map (areas estimated)



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

If emergency assistance is required in Hay River please use the following numbers:

FIRE – 874-2222

POLICE – 874-1111

AMBULANCE – 874-9333

REGISTRATION CENTRE

1-833-699-0188

How to Prepare for an Evacuation

- Make a household emergency plan (www.getprepared.ca)
- 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 for more
details.

www.getprepared.ca

Prepare Your Household for an Evacuation

Evacuation is the key response activity coordinated by the Town of Hay River to protect residents through flood and wildfire events.

Being prepared to evacuate with limited notice is important. Develop a plan for your family and organization practice it. Recognize that a flood evacuation may last for a week or longer between the end of April and mid May, and wildfire season is typically between May and October. Access to your home or business, 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.

Emergency Event Messaging

The Town of Hay River has identified 3 distinct evacuation messages to alert residents, organizations, and visitors of evolving community flood risks. Different actions are initiated through each message type.

Evacuation Notice

- Issued through general Town of Hay River public communications
- Community wide notification
- Signals that risk activity has begun in the Hay River area
- Residents, organizations, and visitors should execute flood preparedness activity
- Vulnerable residents can pre-register and monitor updates at

**www.hayriver.com/emergency
www.facebook.com/hayriver, or
1-833-699-0188.**

Evacuation Alert

- Issued through general Town of Hay River public communications and the GNWT's NWT Alert System
- Issued for a defined area(s) or the full community of a heightened of risk of an emergency event
- Residents, organizations, and visitors should be prepared to evacuate on short or no-public notice
- Vulnerable residents can pre-register and monitor updates at

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www.facebook.com/hayriver, or**

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Evacuation Order

- Issued through general Town of Hay River public communications, GNWT's NWT Alert System, and Emergency Responders
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Animal Evacuation

Preparation:

To minimize evacuation time, take these simple steps:

- Store your emergency pet kit and leashes as close to an exit as possible.
- 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.
- Make sure all pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification.
- 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.

Animal Care During an Emergency

Arrange a safe haven for your pets in the event of evacuation. 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:

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

Emergency Kit Checklist

Assemble one...

- 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

Consider these additional emergency kit supplies...

- 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**

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