

Evacuation Alert

How to prepare yourself

The FVRD has resources on preparing for an evacuation so you are ready to go in a rush. fvr.d.ca/em

Think about

- Every time you leave your house to go to an area that is not under Evacuation Alert you run the risk that the Evacuation Order will happen while you are away and you won't be allowed back. That means you take your bag and your children with you.
- Make a deal with your neighbour to take each others pets if the Order to evacuate comes when you are out. And then don't be away at the same time as your neighbour.
- Consider moving out the things you love most now. Take your photos, granny's dishes, Christmas ornaments, and artwork to a friends house now.

What goes in your go-bag

- Important papers: passport, insurance, identification, paper copy of important phone numbers
- Medication
- Glasses
- Clothes and toiletries
- Children's needs: diapers, food, bottles, toys, books (things that give them comfort too)
- Pet food, bowls, carriers, and leash
- Family photos
- Safety items: dust mask, gloves, first aid, flashlight, radio
- Food and water (you could be travelling for a while)
- Toilet paper

Prepare

- Keep shoes at the door
- Keep gas in the car
- Have the pet carrier and leash handy
- Assign tasks: who will load the car, who will close the windows, who will wake the children
- Keep cell phones charged
- Ensure you know how to open the garage door if there is no power - or park outside
- Have a list of those important last second items that must come: crutches, phone chargers, hearing aid, CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) machine, or pillows and blankets