

FireSmart and Emergency Preparedness

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If an emergency happens in your community, it may take emergency workers some time to reach you. You should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours.

The Government of Alberta has created a number of resources, in collaboration with other key stakeholders, to raise awareness and educate individuals and communities to prepare for disasters and emergencies.



The “Raise Awareness in your Community” webpage has bite-sized resources that are easy to share on social media platforms. Accessible at alberta.ca/CommunityPrep

The “Know the Risks” webpage has information about hazards in Alberta and how to better prepare for them. Accessible at alberta.ca/HazardPrep

The “Make an Emergency Plan” webpage teaches you how to make an emergency plan to care for yourself and your family during an emergency. This includes tips on what people with disabilities may need and information on communicating during an emergency. As well, it provides tools for Rural Emergency Preparedness, Checklist for Pets and preparedness for farm animals and livestock. Accessible at alberta.ca/MakeAPlan

Guidance is also available on how to “Build an Emergency Kit”, including a downloadable checklist. Accessible at alberta.ca/GetSupplies

Emergency preparedness in Alberta can also involve making your home “FireSmart”; although primarily focused on wildfire, many of the tips apply to grassland fires as well.



To help protect your home from wildfire, FireSmart it:

- remove flammable items that are within 5 feet of your property
- keep roof and gutters free from debris
- prune trees and shrubs regularly
- conduct a FireSmart home assessment

Learn more about how you can FireSmart your property, your community and your industry. Accessible at <https://wildfire.alberta.ca/firesmart/default.aspx>

Learn more about how you can FireSmart your farm. Accessible at <https://www.farmfiresmart.ca/>

Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is May 2-8th 2021
Information will be posted on alberta.ca/CommunityPrep