

72 HOUR EMERGENCY KIT

A 72 hour Emergency Kit is a collection of basic items your family may need in the event of an emergency. 72 hr kits should be easily accessible and include essential supplies for you and your family for at least 72 hours. Please see the emergency kit checklist included in your Emergency Preparedness Interface Wildfire Information package.

WILDFIRE CONTACT INFORMATION

For current fire bans and restrictions visit:
www.bcwildfire.ca.

For current Alerts and Orders in your area contact the Regional District of Bulkley–Nechako at:
1-800-320-3339 or visit the website at:
www.rdbn.bc.ca/protectiveservices/.

If you have an emergency, please call the Provincial Emergency Coordination Center at:
1-800-663-3456

If you see smoke, unattended campfires, or a wildfire call:
1-800-663-5555 or *5555 from a cell phone.

**For additional information on
Emergency Preparedness,
contact the
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako**

www.rdbn.bc.ca
1-800-320-3339
250-692-3195



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WILDFIRE PREVENTION

The following wildfire prevention tips will help you keep your community safe during fire season.

FireSmart

FireSmart is an initiative that helps residents reduce the risk of wildfire near their home and neighbourhood by managing the amount of wildfire hazards on their property. To view the FireSmart manual visit the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's website at www.rdbn.bc.ca/protectiveservices

Recreational Activities

Improperly doused or misplaced fires are one of the leading causes of wildfires. Before starting a fire, make sure you check your local fire bans and restrictions in your area.

Backyard Burn and Grass Fires

Before burning any yard waste, it is important to check if your burn needs to be registered. Burning in small batches are much easier to control should something happen. Make sure to never burn in high wind or leave a pile unattended. Ensure adequate tools are available such as water.

WHAT IS AN EVACUATION ALERT?

Due to the potential danger to life and health, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako may issue an Evacuation Alert for your area.

Alerts are issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

It is recommended that you prepare to leave your residence for up to a week. During an Evacuation Order, you will not be permitted to return to your home.

Be prepared, be informed, and be aware!

WHAT IS AN EVACUATION ORDER?

Due to the immediate danger to life and health, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako may issue an Evacuation Order for your area.

You **MUST** leave the area immediately. Members of the RCMP or Search & Rescue will expedite this action. During an evacuation, all minors must be evacuated.

During the Evacuation Order, you will not be permitted to return to your home until the Evacuation Order has been cancelled.

The Evacuation Order will have a map of the area being evacuated and the location of the Emergency Support Services Reception Centre.

TIPS TO PREPARE FOR AN ORDER

- Prepare an emergency kit and place in vehicle along with other valuables.
- Check and remove fire hazards such as dried branches and leaves.
- Take an emergency survival kit with you.
- Make sure you take prescription medicine and identification for the entire family.
- Listen to the radio and follow instructions from local emergency officials.
- If you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas, and electricity.
- Make arrangements for your pets. Local emergency officials will advise you.
- Move patio or deck furniture, cushions, door mats, and potted plants in wooden containers either indoors or as far away from the home, shed, and garage as possible.
- Close and protect your home's openings, including attic and basement doors and vents, windows, garage doors and pet doors to prevent embers from penetrating your home.
- Connect garden hoses and fill any pools, hot tubs, garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water. Firefighters have been known to use the hoses to put out fires on rooftops.

