



Municipal Newsletter - Office of the Fire Chief



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PUBLIC NOTICE

In response to the recent power outage that occurred on October 4 – 6, 2012, the Municipality of Red Lake will be updating the form commonly known to residents as the “**Evacuation Priority Registration Form**” in order to better address the needs of our residents in the event of an emergency, in particular, those that are most vulnerable in an emergency situation - the elderly, disabled; those with special medical requirements, live alone, have no local support network or means of transportation etc.

The updated form will be available to the general public in **January, 2013** via the municipal newsletter, as well as the municipal website, www.redlake.ca.

Please contact Shelly L. Kocis, Clerk at 735-2096, ext. 232, shelly.kocis@redlake.ca or Walter Scarrow, Fire Chief, at 727-0911, firechief@redlake.ca for further information.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

YOU CAN'T PREDICT AN EMERGENCY BUT YOU CAN PREPARE FOR ONE. Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time.

The Municipality of Red Lake Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to take time to discuss emergency preparedness with your family. This includes creating an emergency plan as well as building emergency survival kits.

Important Considerations....

- During an emergency you may have no electrical power.
- A cordless phone will not work without power. An analogue phone can be plugged into a phone jack and will work unless the delivery system has been compromised.
- During an emergency you may need to go to an emergency evacuation shelter. It is recommended that you and your family have a designated contact person that resides outside of your immediate community. This way, in the event of an evacuation, family members can easily notify each other by calling their designated contact person.
- Prepare a contact information list of all your emergency contact persons and provide a copy to your designated contact person. Also keep a copy of this list on your person, in your survival kit, at work, at home and in your vehicle.
- Check on people that you know may need assistance, such as elderly or special needs people.
- Install working smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test smoke alarms on a monthly basis and replace batteries every six months.
- Develop a home emergency plan and a fire escape plan. Practice it regularly.

EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT

The emergency survival items listed below are only a suggestion and may or may not apply to every emergency situation and/or a person's special needs. Therefore, you should decide which essential items to include for yourself and your family members.

Pack and store all emergency survival kit items in an easy-to-access and easy-to-transport container should you need to evacuate. Ensure that all family members are aware of where the emergency survival kit is stored.

Emergency survival kits should contain enough supplies to last 3 days or 72 hours.

Replace food and water every 6 months.

EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT CHECKLIST

- Crank or battery powered flashlight with extra batteries**
- Crank or battery powered radio with extra batteries**
- First Aid kit**
- Candles and matches/lighter**
- Extra car keys**
- Cash** (some in smaller bills and change for payphones)
- Medication(s)** (prescription medication, infant formula)
- Equipment for disabled people**
- Backpack/duffel bag** (to hold all the emergency survival kit items)
- Important papers** (identification, copy of your emergency plan, contact information)
- Food and bottled water** (for pets also)
- Manual can opener and utensils**
- Clothing and footwear**
- Blankets and sleeping bags**
- Toilet paper and other personal items**
- Hand Sanitizer**
- Garbage bags**
- Duct tape**
- Playing cards**

For more information on how to prepare an emergency kit, visit www.getprepared.gc.ca

Evacuation Orders: Authorities will not ask you to leave your home unless they have reason to believe you are in danger.

- If you are ordered to evacuate, take your Emergency Survival Kit and a cellular phone (if you have one).
- If you have time, call or e-mail your out-of-town contact and tell them where you are going and when you expect to arrive. Once you are safe, let them know and notify them if any family members have become separated.
- If you have time, leave a note telling others when you left and where you are.
- Plan to take your pets with you. Identify a pet-friendly hotel, pet boarding facility or shelter in advance.