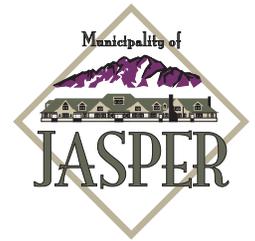


Prepare for the Unexpected

Are you and your family ready in case of a community emergency?



What to Expect from Local Authorities

The Municipality of Jasper, Parks Canada and other agencies work together to protect people, property and the environment in the event of a community emergency. We work together under the Incident Command System (ICS), a standardized system that allows equipment, personnel and procedures from multiple organizations to operate under a common structure. This system is used to manage large and small emergencies, and its structure can shrink or expand to handle any situation – from a full-scale wildfire to assisting evacuees displaced from other communities. The Excelsior Wildfire is the most recent large-scale event where the Municipality of Jasper activated its Emergency Coordination Centre to support our partners and keep residents informed and safe.

Your Role in Emergency Preparedness

In the event of an emergency, first responders will be busy handling the threat, which means you should be prepared to look after yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. Simple preparedness steps can make a big difference when a disaster strikes:

- Have a plan to keep track of all family members, immediately;
- Maintain constant knowledge of their whereabouts;
- Keep a full tank of gas in your vehicle at all times;
- Know where to check for up-to-date information;
- Have your emergency kit and supplies ready to go;
- Secure or prepare to secure your home on departure; and
- Follow the instructions of local authorities.

Communication

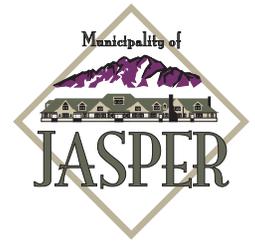
Know where to check for up-to-date information:

- The municipal website (jasper-alberta.com) – the primary source for municipal updates and situation reports;
- Alberta Emergency Alert – in the event of an evacuation, information will be broadcast through this provincial system. Download the app or check the website at emergencyalert.alberta.ca.
- If the situation allows, information will be updated on the Jasper Emergency Information Hotline at 780-852-3311 and The Bear radio at 92.3 FM.
- Local media (The Fitzhugh, The Jasper Local, The Eagle radio – 95.5 FM) and our partners' social media outlets (Community & Family Services Jasper, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce, Parks Canada, Tourism Jasper, etc.)



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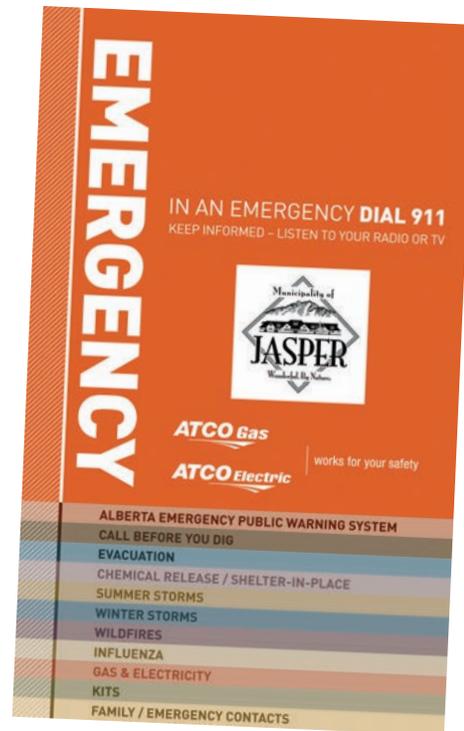
Emergency Kits

Whether the emergency requires you to shelter-in-place (stay at home) or evacuate, you should keep a ready stock of basic supplies to get you and your family by for the first 72 hours. Essential items include:

- Emergency food and water;
- Emergency equipment such as a first aid kit, flashlights, portable radios, batteries, basic tools, matches, candles, etc.;
- Protective clothing appropriate for the weather conditions (winter jacket, rain coat, boots, gloves) and extra clothing for an extended stay; and
- Personal items such as medicines, money, personal papers, identification, etc.

Get a copy of the Jasper Emergency Guide or check our website for a complete emergency kit list.

Guides are available at the Administration Office, Activity Centre, Jasper Library and at the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce office.



Evacuations

Depending on the nature of the emergency, a partial or full evacuation of the Jasper town site and outlying area may be necessary. The affected area, evacuation routes and timing of evacuations can vary greatly depending on the threat.

Evacuation Alert

Whenever possible, the Municipality will issue an Evacuation Alert, notifying the public to prepare for an evacuation within a specified time frame.

Evacuation Order

In circumstances where there is little or no time to notify, the Municipality may issue an Evacuation Order immediately.

Where to Check for Updates

In either event, the information will be communicated through the Alberta Emergency Alert; if an evacuation order is issued, media broadcasts will be interrupted with the evacuation information.

Public safety is always the number one priority; emergency personnel from the Municipality of Jasper (Fire Department and Bylaw), the RCMP and Parks Canada (wardens) will work together to enforce an Evacuation Order.

Detailed Municipality of Jasper Evacuation Guidelines are available on our website under Emergency Preparedness > Evacuations.

For more information and resources on emergency preparedness, visit our website at www.jasper-alberta.com and follow the Emergency Preparedness link in the left-hand column.