Municipality of Jasper

EVACUATION GUIDE

BE WILDFIRE READY

KNOW THE RISKS. MAKE A PLAN. GET A KIT.
Use this guide to prepare your emergency plan and emergency kit.

In an emergency, it’s easy to become confused or panicked. Preparing your emergency plan and emergency kit in advance will help keep you focused and able to act quickly when an evacuation is necessary.

Keep this guide in your emergency kit or in a place where it can be found easily by everyone in your household.

**STAY INFORMED**

- Go to [www.jasper-alberta.com](http://www.jasper-alberta.com) and sign up to receive emergency alerts by text or email.
- Download the Alberta Emergency Alert app on your phone and set your location to Jasper.
- Visit [getprepared.ca](http://getprepared.ca) and [www.jasper-alberta.com](http://www.jasper-alberta.com) for more information and resources.

**KNOW THE RISKS**

In recent years, mountain pine beetles have killed thousands of trees around Jasper, increasing the wildfire risk to our community.

In the event of a large wildfire, first responders will be busy fighting the fire. You should be ready to look after yourself and your family for at least 72 hours. Your ability to be self-sufficient will free up resources to assist those in need.

**MAKE A PLAN**

Get together with your family and loved ones and work on your emergency plan together. Make sure everyone understands what would happen and what to do in the event of a major emergency.

Fill out the evacuation plan on the next page with your family. Once completed, photocopy or take a picture of the plan, and keep a copy in your emergency kit. Everyone should have access to this important information in case you get separated. Remember that cell phones and internet might be down during an emergency.

Visit [getprepared.ca](http://getprepared.ca) and click on “make a plan” and then “make your family emergency plan online” for a more detailed emergency plan template.

If you need help getting out of your home, work with family, friends or Community Outreach Services to make a plan. Call 780-852-2100 or drop by 627 Patricia Street, Monday to Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
We live in evacuation zone: ________________________________

Last updated: ________________________________

The safe exits out of our home and community are:
(Pick several exits for each. Sketch routes if needed.)

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If we have to evacuate, we will meet at:
(Pick a location outside Jasper and write down the address and directions if needed.)

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Pets
If we have to evacuate, this is what we will do with our pet(s):
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Health and contact information

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Out-of-town emergency contact
In case we get separated, our out-of-town emergency contact is:
(Pick a person who lives outside Jasper. In case cell phones are down, each family member will call this person so you can find each other.)

Name: ___________________________ Relationship: ____________
Home phone #: _________________ Cell phone #: _______________

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Children: guardian or emergency contact
If we are not able to pick up our children at school or daycare, our guardian or emergency contact is:
(Speak with other parents or family members and arrange this in advance. Make sure you provide this information to the school or daycare.)

Name: ___________________________ Relationship: ____________
Home phone #: _________________ Cell phone #: _______________

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GET A KIT

Put together an emergency kit and keep it somewhere easy to get if you have to evacuate. Keep your kit in a backpack, suitcase or tub, and keep it light enough to be able to lift it into your car. Make sure you keep enough gas in your tank to make it out of town at all times.

Items to take at the last minute
- Wallet: identification, credit cards and cash
- Cell phone and charger
- Glasses and contacts
- Medications
- Car keys
- Extra set of car keys
- First aid kit
- Flashlights for each family member
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries, or wind-up radio
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, insurance and bank records)
- Pet food and water

Items to put in your emergency kit
- Six liters of water per person (include small bottles)
- Copy of your emergency plan, including emergency contact numbers
- Prescription record from your pharmacist, as needed
- Three-day supply of non-perishable food per person (replace once a year)
- Change of clothing including extra warm clothing (hat, mittens)
- Extra set of car keys
- First aid kit
- Flashlights for each family member
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries, or wind-up radio
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, insurance and bank records)
- Pet food and water

Additional supplies to consider
- Candles and matches or lighter
- Toiletries and personal hygiene items
- Hand sanitizer, toilet paper and garbage bags
- Activities for children like books or toys
- Basic tools and duct tape
- Small fuel-operated stove and fuel
- Other camping supplies

If time allows, consider packing family photos and other irreplaceable items, personal computer, information on hard drives, laptop(s) and charge cord(s), and easily carried valuables.
EVACUATIONS

You will be informed of potential evacuations as early as possible. You must take the initiative to stay informed and aware. Evacuation routes, timing and affected areas will change depending on the situation. Evacuation zones may be specified, but in the event of a large wildfire, a community-wide evacuation is more likely to happen.

Keep a full tank of gas in your vehicle at all times and have an emergency kit ready to go.

When a wildfire does strike, go early for your own safety and to avoid getting caught in fire, smoke or road congestion.

The Municipality of Jasper will issue two kinds of notices. Know the difference!

EVACUATION ALERT
An Evacuation Alert tells people to prepare for an evacuation. If you are ready to go and can evacuate early, please do so.

EVACUATION ORDER
An Evacuation Order tells people to evacuate immediately. This may happen in circumstances where there is little or no time to notify, or following an Evacuation Alert.

If a wildfire is in progress but no evacuation is required, information updates will be provided. If you have to evacuate, make a plan to go visit family or friends who live outside of Jasper, or go camping!

During an evacuation, a reception centre will be set up to help people who have nowhere to go. The location of the reception centre will be included in emergency notifications.

HOW TO EVACUATE

Jasper has been divided into several evacuation zones. Know which zone you live in, which zone your children attend school in, and which zone you work in. First responders will use these zones to identify which parts of town must be evacuated. Evacuation zones may be specified, but during a large wildfire, a community-wide evacuation is more likely to happen.

If you need transportation, go to the assembly point closest to your home or workplace. Dress for the weather and bring your emergency kit. Keep in mind that you may not be able to return to your home.

If you have a vehicle and can take a passenger, stop by an assembly point on your way out. The Municipality of Jasper will organize transportation for people who are gathered at the assembly points.
HOME EVACUATION CHECKLIST

If time allows, follow these steps to protect your home before an evacuation.

**Inside the house**

- Shut all windows and doors, and lock the door when you leave
- Remove window shades and curtains
- Close metal shutters if you have them
- Move furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors
- Shut off gas at the meter and turn off pilot lights
- Shut off the air conditioning

**Outside**

- Gather patio furniture, children’s toys, trash cans, etc. from outside of the house and bring them inside or place them away from buildings and vegetation
- Turn off propane tanks
- Move propane barbeques away from buildings
- Connect garden hoses for use by firefighters
- Don’t leave sprinklers on or water running as they can affect critical water pressure
- Leave exterior lights on
Visit getprepared.ca and www.jasper-alberta.com for more information and resources.

For more information, please contact:

Greg Van Tighem, Fire Chief
780-852-1595 or gvantighem@town.jasper.ab.ca

Christine Nadon, Information Officer
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Community Outreach Services
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