

Manitobans Affected by Evacuations



It is important for all Manitobans to prepare for natural disasters, including forest fires and flooding, and other unexpected emergencies. Evacuation orders are initially issued and managed by local governments, so refer to municipal authorities and emergency coordinators for direction in these situations.

This checklist is intended to help Manitobans plan for recommended or mandatory evacuations.

Before an evacuation

- Pack a 72-hour emergency kit, as outlined at www.getprepared.ca, so it is ready to go if you have to leave in a hurry.
- Keep a supply of prescription medication or your prescription numbers and other essential items at home for you and your family. If you have time, pre-pack all necessary items in your vehicle.
- People with special medical needs, including pregnant women, should speak with their health care provider for advice.
- Keep your vehicle(s) fuelled and operational. Park in a cleared area or in your garage facing out to the street, with windows closed and keys in the ignition.
- Plan for the care of your pets and livestock.
- Program your mobile devices with contact information for family members, friends, police, fire, gas, hydro and your municipality. Include out-of-province contacts who are not likely to be affected by the same emergency situation.
- Follow the Manitoba government on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to get regular updates on emerging natural disasters.
- In case your family is not together when an evacuation is ordered, agree on in-person and online meeting places (like a social media site) to check in.
- Make a plan on how to save or move valuable personal items.
- Stay in touch with your neighbours and your community and be prepared to offer support to vulnerable people.

During an evacuation

- Take appropriate measures to help protect your home as much as possible. Emergency-specific directions are available online at manitoba.ca.
- Follow instructions from local officials on the appropriate route and drive carefully.
- Road closures and other important information will be issued and shared through media, social media and other means. When it's safe, pull over and check road conditions by calling 511, visit manitoba511.ca or follow Manitoba RCMP on [Twitter](#).

- To save battery power, shut down your mobile device or disconnect the battery to avoid draining it.
- Stay out of the way of emergency workers and observe roadblocks.
- Keep all receipts for evacuation-related expenses, including hotel bills and meals.
- Register with the agency or organization assisting evacuees.
- Don't return to your property until permitted.

If emergency officials tell you to evacuate, remember to take:

- your 72-hour emergency kit,
- cash, bank or credit cards and important legal documents,
- mobile devices and chargers,
- essential medicines, prescriptions and personal health items,
- baby formula, diapers for infants and toddlers and some other small items to comfort children (like a favourite toy, stuffed animal, etc),
- food for any animals travelling with you,
- a flashlight, battery-powered radio and extra batteries, and
- extra clothes.

After an evacuation

- It is normal to experience anxiety and stress before and after an evacuation. Understand the signs and know that help is available.
- Follow advice from municipal authorities and other agencies providing support once the evacuation has ended.

For more information

Manitoba has additional information available to help prepare for specific natural disasters. Go to manitoba.ca for the most current resources on emergency preparedness, wildfires, flooding, mental health supports and recovery activities.