

Fire evacuation preparedness:

Here are a few things to think about if you may be asked to evacuate.

Have a emergency kit for you and your family including pets. Please see these links for information on emergency kits.

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/kts/bsc-kt-en.aspx>

<https://www.colchester.ca/emergency-management/3259-emergency-kits/file>

Know the difference between Evacuation Alert and Evacuation Order

Alert – Be ready to leave on short notice and monitor local news alert channels as well as social media.

Order – You are at risk and should evacuate the area immediately. Follow the routes specified by officials and move away from the fire.

The National Emergency Program, **Alert Ready** will be used to advise the public of these events.

Things to consider

How to prepare.....

Check your 72 hour safety kit to make sure nothing is missing or expired.

Ensure your 72 hour kit also contains N95 respirators in appropriate sizes for all members in your family.

Know your Community's and your home's evacuation routes.

Learn fire safety from your local fire service and teach them to your family.

Make sure every floor and sleeping area in your home has a working smoke alarm.

Keep old dried branches cleaned up around your property.

Ensure that you have all essential documents in one location including birth certificates, insurance documents, deeds etc.

Take videos of all rooms in your home including inside cabinets and drawers. Video your sheds, garages and travel trailers. Have videos or pictures of the outside of home including patio furniture and BBQ.

Have a go bag with extra clothes, medications and toiletries.

During....

Gather emergency supplies and monitor local news, and municipal social media for updates.

Evacuate as soon as authorities tell you to do so.

If trapped - call 911.

Move propane tanks for BBQs away from your home.

Close all windows and doors of the house.

Move combustible materials away from windows.

Use an N-95 mask to keep particles out of the air you breathe.

After ...

Listen to the authorities for information instruction.

Avoid hot ash, charred trees, smouldering debris and live (hot) embers.

Reach out to other members of your family to let them know of your status. Please note that phone lines are often busy during a disaster.

Document property damage and have all of your information ready when you are able to contact your insurance company.

Register with authorities through the designated process to ensure they have current contact information.

Listen to authorities for any and all instructions if you are required to evacuation.