

Emergency Preparedness



Important Phone Numbers

Municipal Offices: (705) 448-2981

County Offices: (705) 286-1333 - (800) 866-8815

Environment/Property: (613) 339-2442 **Roads Department:** (705) 448-2934

This has been prepared by the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East and the Municipal Emergency Control Group.

What to Do In Large Scale Emergencies

We're Prepared!

You can never schedule an emergency, but you can plan ways to cope with one. *The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East* along with the Fire, Police Services, other emergency personnel and support agencies, have an Emergency Plan that can be set in motion by its own team for large scale emergencies and disasters. Known as the Municipal Control Group (MCG), this team's function is clear: **Respond** and **Restore** things back to normal.

Should an emergency occur that is deemed by the Fire, Police and Town Officials to be serious enough, the MCG will be called into operation under the direction of the Reeve.

A declared emergency may affect all, or only part of *the Municipality*. Please stay calm. It will take time for emergency personnel to assess the situation.

While we understand you are concerned, **please:**

- Stay at home
- Listen to the local radio station(s) for developments and / or instructions from emergency personnel
- Phone only in an emergency
- **REMAIN CALM!!**

WHEN TO GO: Please listen for instructions if emergency sheltering is required, locations for emergency sheltering and directions from the MCG.

LOCAL RADIO STATIONS

(Battery operated radio or your car radio)

- MOOSE 97.7 (Bancroft)
- Canoe FM 100.9 (Haliburton)
- Country 105.1 (Peterborough)
- Wolf 101.5 (Peterborough)

LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS

- Cable 10 (Cobourg)

- CHEX (Peterborough)

**Emergency Weather Frequency:
162.55 MHZ**

**For Fire, Police and Ambulance in
Emergencies only: 911**

Important websites:

www.hazards.ca or www.weatheroffice.ec.sc.ca

www.on.ec.gc.ca, www.emergencymanagementontario.ca

**What You Can Do To Prepare
(Prepare for a minimum of 72 hours)**

Food and Water:

- 3-5 gallons of water (4 litres per adult, per day)
- Canned or freeze-dried foods
- One manual can opener
- Instant drink and juices

Warmth and Shelter:

- Tent / Trailer or other shelter
- Wool-blend blanket or sleeping bags
- Emergency reflective blanket
- Lightweight stove & fuel/ camp stove
- Hand and body warm packs
- Poncho (large orange garbage bags make great rain ponchos)

Tools and Equipment:

- Pocket knife
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight, lantern or candles
- Windproof / waterproof matches
- Second method to start a fire
- Shovel Hatchet or Axe
- Sewing kit
- Nylon rope
- Mess kits and other cooking utensils
- Radio & batteries or radio with an alternate power source
- First aid kit
- Note pad and pen / pencil
- Roadside Emergency Kit
- Light sticks
- Durable water resistant duffel bag, frame pack or day pack

What should you take to the Emergency Shelter?

Personal Items:

- Medications or other personal needs
- Personal sanitation items
- Personal comfort kit (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/brush, tissues, razors, deodorant)

Additional Important Items:

Extra clothing - A complete outfit of appropriate clothing for each family member. Include extra socks, underwear, hat, sturdy shoes or boots, gloves and sweaters.

Money - include quarters for phone calls

Important Papers - OHIP cards, SIN cards, personal phone numbers, games, books, hard candy, small toys, paper, pen and favorite security items for children.

Pets - Pets brought to the shelter must be leashed or in a cage. If you leave your pet at home it will require food, water and shelter.

Don't put your life at risk by trying to gather items when the emergency requires you to leave your home immediately!!!!

Safety Tips

- Develop a family emergency plan. Review the plan often with young children and seniors.
- *Arrange to help your neighbor and know your neighbors' needs especially the elderly and the at-risk population.*
- For people with special medical needs, share your medical information with the person(s) who will be helping you in the event of an emergency.
- **Generators:** Direct installation of a generator to an existing electrical system should only be done by a qualified technician and approved by an Ontario electrical inspector.
- Do not store gas in your home. Use proper candle holders. Never leave lit candles unattended.
- If you have to leave your home, drain your water lines, if necessary.
- Appliances left on during a power outage will come back on when the power is restored. Be sure to turn all electrical appliances off before leaving your home.
- If traffic lights are not working, treat the intersection as a four way stop.
- Don't use charcoal or gas BBQ's, camping heating equipment or home generators indoors.

Keep Your Car Gas Tank at Least Half Full at all Times.

Haliburton County's Emergency Plan

In the event of a large scale emergency / disaster, Haliburton County has a well prepared Emergency Plan in place.

The municipalities would be operating within that Plan, which is very similar, if not identical to the municipal information on this pamphlet. Please remain calm, only phone in an emergency, stay in your house until emergency personnel assist you and listen to your radio for developments and / or instructions from emergency personnel.