



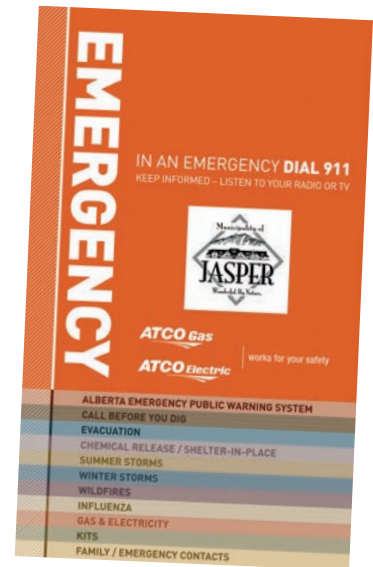
# Are you ready in case of a wildfire?

At this time of year, a wildfire is the most likely community emergency to affect Jasper

## Be Prepared

- **Keep a full tank of gas in your personal vehicle**
- **Have important papers and an emergency kit ready to go**

While first responders will be busy handling the threat, you need to be prepared to look after yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. Your ability to be self-sufficient will free up resources to assist those in need. Simple preparedness can make a big difference when a disaster strikes. 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, Fitness & Aquatic Centre, Activity Centre, Jasper Library and at the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce office.



## Evacuations

Evacuation routes, timing and affected area can vary greatly depending on the nature of the emergency. This information will be communicated clearly and broadly in the event of an evacuation.

### 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.

### Trusted sources for information include:

- The municipal website ([jasper-alberta.com](http://jasper-alberta.com)) – the primary source for municipal updates and situation reports;
- Alberta Emergency Alert – download the app or check the website at [emergencyalert.alberta.ca](http://emergencyalert.alberta.ca).
- Jasper Emergency Information Hotline at 780-852-3311 and The Bear radio at 92.3 FM; and
- 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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## Evacuation Alerts and Orders

The Municipality of Jasper is responsible for evacuating the community in case of an emergency.

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

A typical evacuation alert or order will include the following information:

- Description of the affected area and reason for evacuation;
- For an evacuation alert, the anticipated evacuation timeframe;
- For an evacuation order, direction that you must leave immediately;
- The travel route to take to evacuate; and
- The location of the Reception Centre.

Reception Centres provide short-term services to individuals and families who cannot stay with friends or family following an evacuation, or need to access other evacuee services.

Once evacuated, you will also be asked to register with the Municipality of Jasper so you and your family can be accounted for, and to receive updates and information. Registering will also make you easier to find for family and friends who may be looking for you.

### Questions? Concerns?

Visit [www.jasper-alberta.com](http://www.jasper-alberta.com) or contact:

Greg Van Tighem, Fire Chief, at 780-852-1595 or [gvantighem@town.jasper.ab.ca](mailto:gvantighem@town.jasper.ab.ca)

Christine Nadon, Information Officer, at 780-852-4724 or [cnadon@town.jasper.ab.ca](mailto:cnadon@town.jasper.ab.ca)

## Evacuation Checklist

### Planning

- In advance of an evacuation, plan a common place to meet family or co-workers
- Keep vehicles fuel tanks at least 3/4 full
- Make sure civic address is clearly posted on your residence or business
- Make plans for emergency travel with neighbours or local friends if you do not have a vehicle or access to one
- Listen to local news, [jasper-alberta.com](http://jasper-alberta.com) or Community & Family Services Jasper on Facebook

### Packing up

- Wear and pack season appropriate clothing
- Take purse, cash and credit cards – bank machines may not be working
- Take medications, eye glasses, documents, photos and ID
- Take blankets, sleeping bags, books, games, pillows
- Make arrangements for pets and take leashes, crates, pet food – don't leave pets behind

### Preparing Your Home

- Be sure all windows and doors are shut
- Close metal window blinds if present
- Remove light window coverings and other combustibles from windows
- Gather lawn furniture and toys in a remote area of your yard, away from structures and vegetation
- Hook up garden sprinklers but don't turn them on
- Shut off gas and electrical appliances EXCEPT refrigerators and freezers
- Move propane tanks away from your house

### As You Leave

- Leave exterior lights on to show power is on
- Lock your home